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Milosevic Holds Aces In Balkan Showdown

Political Foes in Belgrade Think President Will Go to Brink, Then Feel Free to Settle

By Steven Erlanger

BELGRADE — Having consolidated his power, President Slobodan Milosevic has the political space to do what he likes with the rebellious southem Serbian province of Kosovo, even opposition politicians here believe.

That is encouraging news for the Clinton administration and its NATO allies, whose threat to bomb Mr. Milosevic into ceding effective control ever Kosovo will make it easier for him to justify eventual concessions. But given Kosovo's almost mythic

importance as the birthplace of the Serbian nation, Serbian officials and senior diplomats here say, Mr. Milosevic is bound to take NATO to the brink before agreeing to any political settlement over Kosovo, where an ethnic Albanian insurgency is fighting for independence.

While the vivid club of NATO's bombs is a necessary condition for any deal. Mr. Milosevic will also require some "cake," as the new deputy prime minister, Vuk Draskovic, put it - a partial lifting of the harsh diplomatic

and economic isolation that the West imposed on Serbia during the long

Mr. Milosevic may also seek an undertaking that he not be indicted for

"As much as officials in Washington publicly revile Milosevic and call him the main problem in the Balkans, he is also the solution, 'a senior West-ern diplomat said. "The West needs Milosevic to settle Kosovo, and Mi-losevic needs the pressure of the West to be able to do it. All the rest is

There is a wide assumption here, based on the tone of the state press, that Mr. Milosevic will send a delegation to

the Western-sponsored talks, sched-uled to start Sannday outside Paris.

There has been no official an-nouncement, however, and officials announced that Parliament will decide Thursday on whether the Serbs will

Kosovo's leading moderate politi-cian, Ibrahim Rugova, has agreed to attend but there has been oo ac-



An ethnic Albanian rebel, cloaked in a sheet, hlending in with the snow Monday in a trench north of Pristina, the capital of Kosovo.

See KOSOVO, Page 4 A Reminder for Kosovo: The Bosnia Tragedy

By Jane Perlez

WASHINGTON - As the Clinton administration rallies diplomatic and military measures to get talks going toward a peace settlement in Kosovo province, it appears that lessons have been learned from the agonizing delays in the early and mid-1990s in moving to end the civil war in Bosnia-Herzego-

The question is: Have enough lessons been learned to avert another Balkan tragedy? Eleven months after the conflict in Kosovo flared up. Washington has pushed the Europeans and Russia into calling the warring parties in Kosovo to a

The administration was the driving force behind the agreement on Saturday for NEWS NATO to carry out air strikes, under certain condition.

Along with Britain, France and Germany, which have already declared willingness to commit ground troops to monitor an eventual neare settlement. Washington is also contemplating peace settlement, Washington is also cootemplating deploying ground troops, although a much smaller contingent than went to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But doubts still persist about how serious Washington is on forcing President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia to leave, even though it hlames his forces for mass killings in Kosovo over the last two

Critics of the administration oote that it was only after NATO air strikes against the Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina that Mr. Milosevic was forced to the

negotiating table at Dayton, Ohio.

Once he was there, it took heavy lifting by then big names in the administration — Secretary of State

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Lewinsky Under Questioning, and Starr Under Fire

By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - House prosecutors questioned Monica Lewinsky under oath for five hours on Monday, hoping for a revelation dramatic enough to persuade senators to call her to testify in person about President Bill Clinton's alleged efforts to conceal their rela-

Earlier, the president's private lawyer, David Kendall, announced that he was taking legal action against Kenneth Starr,

after a report that the independent coun-sel believed he had the authority to bring a criminal indictment against Mr. Clinton even before the president leaves office. Mr. Kendall said he would file in

Clinton's \$1.766 trillion budget blueprint made public. Page 3.

federal district court "a motion to show cause" why "Starr and members of his staff should not be held in contempt for improper violations of grand jury

secrecy." He accused Mr. Starr of "il-legal and partisan leaking." The Senate is weighing charges,

largely based on the Starr investigation, that Mr. Clinton committed perjury and obstructed justice in trying to conceal his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

After making his announcement, Mr. Kendall joined the legal team representing the president at the hotel where Ms. Lewinsky, the former White House volunteer, was being interviewed, first by prosecutors, then by the White House

The questioning took place in the residential suite of the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, a few blocks from the White House. On the prosecutors' side, it was led by Representative Ed Bryant, Republican of Tennessee, one of three House "managers" who questioned Ms. Lewinsky in the same suite eight

days earlier.

The report about Mr. Starr, which first appeared Sunday in The New York Times, drew an explosive response

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Radicals Seized After Gun Battles in Gaza

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) - A Palestinian security agent was killed Mon-day in a shoot-out with three fugitives from the Islamic militant group Hamas who had been under police surveil-

The fugitives then sped away in a car and ran over an 8-year-old girl, who died of her injuries, according to the Palestinian police.

The three were arrested several hours later in the Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip after another

gun battle with security forces. Another Palestinian girl was injured, though not seriously, in the shoot-out. The Palestinian police said the three men were members of Hamas's mil-itary wing, Izzedine al Qassam. Two of them, Raed Attar and Osama

Abo Taha, escaped from Palestinian custody two months ago and are also wanted by Israel, a Palestinian security

The third man was identified as Mohammed Abu Shamala.

Algerian Candidate Promises a Dialogue

tial candidate for April's poll, pledged Monday to open a dialogue with all political forces to restore peace to his violence-torn country.

The former foreign minister, making his first appearance to outline his program since announcing his candidacy in December, did not mention by

ALGIERS (Reuters) — Abdelaziz

Bouteflika, Algeria's main presidenFront, formerly Algeria's biggest op-

position party. He said at a news conference, "It is important to pay attention to every initiative that helps in restoring na-

tional harmony. The North African nation of 30 million has been wracked by violence since early 1992.



SUPER AGAIN — John Elway celebrating his second straight Super Bowl victory after his Broncos defeated the Atlanta Falcons, 34-19. Denver used a strong offense and three interceptions to win. Elway passed for 336 yards and scored the final Bronco touchdown. Page 18.

Brazil Needs IMF Money Urgently, Soros Warns

Schroeder Lashes Out At Speculators And Calls for Regulation

> By Jonathan Gage International Herald Tribu

DAVOS, Switzerland - The investor George Soros urged the International Monetary Fund on Monday to immediately provide emergency fund-

in in the currency in the collapse of its currency and banking system.

"Brazil is in a very acute situation, because on Friday you effectively had the beginning of a run on the banks and a run on the currency," Mr. Soros said at the World Economic Forum here.

"This is the moment I don't think

"This is the moment. I don't think there is a great deal of time, really," said Mr. Soros, who has made hillions of dollars speculating in financial markets while pursuing philanthropic interests around the world.

Germany's new chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder, addressed the same conference of many of the world's financial and political elite, issuing an attack oo financial speculators and calling for re-

"Speculative capital movements," he said, help "drive national and international exchanges - indeed, entire national economies - to the hrink of ruin and cause precarious instability in many parts of the world."

"If even George Soros — and he's a man who ought to know, having himself earned billions through such specula-tion — urges us to introduce regulatory factors to ensure justice, then it is high time for us to get down to some serious negotiating oo an international financial architecture."

Mr. Schroeder also acknowledged what he called questions and even "fears" over the direction of his country's new left-leaning coalition government as it takes over the presidency of chairmanship of the Group of Seven

industrialized countries.
"These fears I can allay, I hope, when I say here loud and clear: Germany remains a reliable partner for Europe, the Atlantic Alliance and the world economy," Mr. Schroeder said. Mr. Schroeder committed Germany,

during its EU Council presidency, to make strong progress on "such matters as reform of the common structural, financial and agricultural policies grouped together under the Agenda 2000, on the Union's enlargement toward Central and Eastern Europe, and also on the Common Foreign and Security Policy."

Mr. Schroeder promised that Germany would push ahead with "reforming our welfare state and social security

At the same time, he pledged that "we will not be so foolish as to undermine what for years has been crucial to the success of our social market economy, the principle of participation. People must clearly have a share in the wealth they create and a voice in decision-making — a bigger one in future, where possible."

However, he acknowledged that the German model faced "tremendous pressure for change."

"For years we have seen economic growth failing to deliver sufficient new jobs," he said. "Germany, one of the world's richest nations, is experiencing depressingly high levels of unemploy-

Germany's unemployment rate is currently around 11 percent. This, he said, was largely due to structural prob-

lems in the economy.

"This all makes for extremely high barriers to creating new jobs," he said.

"Whereas in the United States, for example, economic growth even as low as 0.7 percent generates new jobs, in Germany, we oeed growth of around 2.5 percent before any new employment is created

Mr. Soros, who has called for revisiting international financial regula-

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SAO PAULO STRESS Brazilian trader as stocks rose Monday on hope for IMF help. Page 11.

Merger Wave Hits France As Big Banks Agree to Unite

By John Schmid International Herald Tribund

The merger-and-acquisition wave that has reshaped the European banking industry at last rolled into France on Monday as Societe Generale SA an-nounced a takeover of Paribas SA, spawning a new financial giant in the heart of the euro zone.

"Even io France, where the inertia in this sector has been greater than elsewhere, it shows the pressure for con-solidation is irresistible," said Chris-topher Potts, investment strategist in Paris at the Cheuvreux de Virieu broker-

age firm. Such a big combination in France, which previously lagged in the race toward global consolidation in the fioancial sector, could unlock new mer-

ger pressures that analysts expect to sweep over France the rest of Europe. Generale will pay five of its own shares

for each eight shares of Paribas, valuing the deal at about 15 hillion euros (\$17 hillioo). Stock in Societe Generale fell 5 euros to 158, while Paribas shares rose 8.15 euros to 92.15. The importance of the deal goes be-yond the sheer size of the merged bank,

which would have about 600 hillion euros in assets, making it currently second in Europe behind UBS AG of Switzerland. The combination also would increase the competitive pressure in France, a linchpin economy in the I I-nation bloc that launched the common curreccy last month. In a nation where politicians have

long played a role in banking affairs, President Jacques Chirac expressed hope that "French banks can strengthen and join together to face up to interoational competition."

SG Paribas, as the new bank would be called, would be the world's fourth-largest hank. When Deutsche Bank AG completes its takeover of U.S.-based Bankers Trust Corp., expected by May, SG Paribas will be No. 3 in the European lineup behind Deutsche

The accord also would give France a hig-league address in the high-risk field of investment banking. In effect, SG Paribas would become the nearest thing that France has to an international investment banking house. With an investment banking presence in Frankfurt and London as well as Paris, SG Parihas could compete for lucrative cross-border merger deals that the euro is expected to spawn. France has long been a closed market

to outside corporate predaurrs, as a frus-trated Deutsche Bank repeatedly has complained. According to Deutsche, which aims to become a premier "euro bank," the French government has denied the German giant the oppor-tunity to acquire one of its financial crown jewels.

But with this move, the pressure to change within France now has become all but unstoppable, analysts said.
The successful launch of the euro last

month increased the urgency to find

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By Erik Eckholm New York Times Service

DAOLIN, China -- "He was just an honest farmer," said the widow of Zhang Huangli, speaking bitterly in her dirt-floor farmhouse about the death of her husband oo Jan. 8.

On that day, here among the rice paddies and scraggly pine groves of Hunan Province, thousands of farmers - more than 10,000, participants claim streamed from the surrounding hills to the government office in Daolin, a town of a few thousand. They came to demand an end to what they consider excessive taxes and corruption by the local Communist Party

officials who rule over them.

But the rally, possibly one of the largest farmer protests in China in recent years, was quickly crushed. Mr. Zhang was killed by an exploding tear-gas canister fired by riot policemen. Scores more people were injured by the gas or by clubs, witnesses said.

Eighteen people were detained for one or two days,

Once the Revolution's Heart, They 'Eat Bitterness' No More a participant said in an interview here, and four leaders

In China, Protests by Farmers Provoke a Violent Response

of the protest escaped arrest and have been sought ever since, with reward posters plastered on village walls by the police and torn down by angry farmers.

The rally, called by a two-year-old illegal orga-

nization of local farmers, was one of many similar protests that have empted in rural areas around the country. Like most others, it was completely unreported in the Chinese media, and rural protesters have rarely had a chance to describe their grievances directly to outsiders.

Along with the ire of unpaid urban workers, boiling resentment in the countryside is a major source of the social instability that has recently preoccupied China's leaders. The rampant discontent seems less to reflect any new crisis than it does the slow grinding down of

farmers who have loog been known for their ability to eat hitterness.

But multiplied across rural China, where two-thirds of the country's people still live, the alienation of farmers — whom Mao Zedong once called "the main force in the revolution" - poses a long-term challenge to Communist Party rule.

The simmering conflict in Hunan is a particular embarrassment for the party because Hunan is the birthplace of Mao and other top leaders, including the current prime minister, Zhn Rongji.

Adding further to the sense of disorder, in the last month Hunan was also the site of two unsolved bombings - one on a bus in the provincial capital of Changsha that wounded 37 and the other in the southern town of Yizhang that killed & But there is no evidence to link those events to farmer or worker protests. Daolin township, an administrative area of about

50,000 people scattered in many villages, is neither See CHINA, Page 4

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Ascendant a Decade Ago, Europe's Right Loses Its Way

By Roger Cohen
New York Tones Service

ERLIN — If the warring years of this decade have produced a dirty word in Europe, it is perhaps "conservative." The right-of-center ideology that played an important role in stripping European states of vast industrial holdings, advancing the market economy and facing down the former Soviet Union with medium-range missiles has fizzled.

Ten years ago, conservatives were in charge or on the rise in most places in Europe, hut today there is hardly any country where that is true. In Germany, France, Britain and Italy, moreover, parties of the right are in disarray, casting around for a persuasive electoral message at a time when such traditional backbones of conservatism as "the nation," "the family." "the church" and "the Communist enfamily," "the church" and "the Communist en-emy nave changed or less their meaning and the

moderate left has occupied the political center.

Learning from Bill Clinton, center-left politicians like Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany have seized the political initiative with white-toothed smiles and cleverly spin-doctored images of modernity, economic efficiency and social compassion. In response, amid peace and moderate prosperity, the right has found itself clutching at straws.

'All these right-wing parties cried 'Victory!' as the Berlin Wall came down," the French political scientist Pascal Perrineau said. "But they did not see that they had lost the force against which they defined themselves. And they have been unable,

since then, to come up with a message that does not seem regressive, nostalgic, outdated."

In Europe, the right has two essential incarnations: the free-market ideology once embodied by Margaret Thatcher in Britain, and the more socially conscious conservatism of the German Christian Democrats, among others. At the root of the problem for both, it seems, lie two

victories that seemed to assure the right's future. One was over communism and the division of Europe, the other over the excesses of state-run economies As a result of these triumphs, the specter of Marx

and the spur of the market lost their potency as conservative rallying cries. The effect has been

In Italy, the Christian Democrats, long the main center-right party and bastioo of U.S.-backed efforts to block communism, simply disintegrated. Elsewhere, the right abruptly found itself in a

world dominated not by strategic blocs but by the economic forces of globalization. And Europeans, in large oumbers, reacted to global free-market forces oot with outright enthusiasm but with calls for safeguarding and even reinforcing their social-

No matter that these systems are often too exensive to survive indefinitely in their present form. Politically, a message that pays has been one that says: Rely on us to protect you from cutthroat capitalism, displaced factories and global storms. In a Europe of high unemployment, the left has proved nimbler in purveying this slogan than the center-

"The fear of an unstoppable global economy dislocating societies has been hard for the right to exploit because it has generally stood for free markets and noninterference," said Jonathan Eyal, a British analyst, "And the new centrist left quickly occupied the broad election-winning ground: acceptance of the market tempered by social concerns."

societies have also militated against the right. Appeals to the family and to tradition often seem outmoded, or in need of recasting, in countries where single-parent homes have become common-





To restore their leadership role, argues Pierre Lellouche, left, rightist parties must unite around the themes of strong defenses, economic deregulation, toughness against crime and skepticism about immigration. The German conservative Edmund Stoiber, right, has built a success story in his southern state by fostering strong economic growth with what he calls Bavarian traditions."

place, divorce rampant, church-going more unusual and a multicultural environment the oorm.

European conservatives, like their American counterparts, have denounced such changes, but the response from the European electorate has been

So, too, are the links that long bound the right to patriotic visions of the European nation state. The introduction this year of the euro, the common European currency, marked the biggest voluntary and peacetime surrender of sovereignty by a group of states in history. Center-right parties are still grappling with the enormity of this shift. For what should a conservative message be in a Europe where nations exist in name but rather less in substance?

N ANSWER appears elusive. In France, oo fewer than seven rightist political groupings are putting forward candidates for European Parliament elections this year. They include three pro-European movements, two anti-European centrist groups, and two nationalistic platforms from the now-splintered extreme-right National Front.

"It's mad," said Pierre Lellouche, a Gaullist. But the madness reflects real differences. Some Gaullists favor European integration; others equate it with the end of la France. That is a very basic divergence to accommodate within a single party.

On the extreme right, both Jean-Marie Le Pen and his challenger, Bruno Megret, call for the rebirth of "national values" and attack "the disappearance of European races through general miscegenation." Such messages rouse 15 percent of French people but do not win elections. They help divide the right.

In Germany, where the 16-year era of Helmut Kohl ended last year, Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Party has been organizing a petition to contest the government's planned new citizenship laws, which would allow many of the 7 million resident foreigners nostalgia for a certain idea of the German nation, one where only German blood gives the right to na-tionality. Also evident is real hostility to the ideas of what the right calls the "multicultural left."

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Bot, again, it is far from clear that this sort of initiative can win what Mr. Eyal called "the critical broad church of the center." For Germany is oow a mixed society, like it or not.

So, what to do? Clearly, in Britain and Germany the thirst for a change after long periods of rightist rule has played a big role in the popularity of centerleft parties. But the success of the center-right prime minister, Jose Maria Aznar, in Spain, after years of socialist rule suggests there is nothing irreversible about the right's decline.

David Willetts, a Conservative member of the British Parliament, said the key to success lay in underlining the themes of freedom and prosperity against the "more regulated economy and nannying government" put forward by Mr. Blair. Mr. Lellouche, the Gaullist, said the right must

renew its leadership and unite around the themes of strong defenses, economic deregulation, toughness against crime and skepticism about immigration. In Germany, conservatives have suggested all

sorts of themes: personal responsibility, ecological concern, radical economic reform favoring initiative over social protection. But for the moment, the Christian Democratic Party is plainly at sea. Still, one powerful example of a soccessful coo-

servative society exists: the Bavaria fashioned by Edmund Stoiber, leader of the Christian Social Union, the Christian Democrats' sister party in the southern state. There, unemployment is 7 percent, compared with the national average of more than 10 percent; high-tech companies are thriving, prosperity is widespread and Mr. Stoiber never tires of extolling beer-swilling "Bavarian traditions." The phenomenon may be peculiarly Bavarian.

But Horst Teltschik, who served as national security adviser to Mr. Kohl and is now on the board of Munich-based Bayerische Motoren Werke, said the message could have a wide appeal.

"What Mr. Stoiber has done is convince people e safe at home and fit for the world "He has turned Bavaria into a modern, high-tech state, while keeping its values. People feel secure, prosperous and ready to look outward: That can win

Unmarried Mothers Outcasts in Morocco

By Marlise Simons New York Times Service

AGADIR, Morocco - The life of Rashida, a shy young Moroccan woman, has a medieval ring to it. She sleeps on the floor of a small, dank room inside the compound of a fish cannery in Agadir. She may be summoned to work at any honr, depending on when the fishing fleet comes in.

For less than the equivalent of \$5 a day, she plods in a big rubber apron surrounded by a piercing stench, scaling and gutting sardines and anchovies. But Rashida, who is 23, considers herself

"Even if I doo't sleep enough, I have a place to stay," she said, her eyes downcast, but her voice rising with pride. "And I earn enough to feed my baby." Rashida is an unmarried mother, which has made her life precarious and turned her into an outcast in Morocco's conservative Islamic society.

In general, women are treated as inferior under Morocco's Koranic laws: they are legal minors, inherit only half a share, need permission from a male relative to marry and can be repudiated by their husbands. But a woman who has a child out of wedlock is treated with

Pregnant girls, even when they are very young or have been raped, are commonly thrown out by their families, who say they bring dishonor. The young women's brothers sometimes threaten to kill them.

Government or religious charities provide no support to women they con-sider tainted with sin. Abortion is forbidden by law, although a rich and edo-cated woman can usually buy one

Rashida, who would not give her last name, said she was raped by the son of the family for whom she worked as a maid. They dismissed her. She did not know where to get an abortion. Her father and her brothers had told her not to return home. Before finding work at the fish cannery, she often slept in the street and begged.

'In many Islamic countries people deal with unwanted pregnancy by pre-tending it doesn't exist," said Wassyla Tamzali, a specialist in women's rights at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. "It's a taboo subject."

In Morocco, government officials say they have no statistics about single mothers or illegitimate children and they provide no services for them. Bot social workers say that as the country is arbanizing and more young women have come to the cities, the oumber of poor, single mothers has grown. They say that because the women and their children are ostracized, some are forced to become beggars or prostitutes.

It is not unusual for the police to find a baby on the street or in a park. Last year, newspapers in Casablanca reported that the police had found 364 abandoned newborn babies the previous year. It is also common for single mothers

o leave their bables bening when they leave the hospital. Agadir's main hospital currently houses about 60 abandoned children, according to a local official. Under Koranic law, adoption does not exist, so unwanted children often end up in state orphanages. "It's one of the dark sides of Islam," said Majouba Edbouche. "The government preaches Islam and charity all the time, but there is all this hypocrisy about umnarried mothers, as though they were

Mrs. Edbouche operates a day care center in Agadir for children of poor single mothers. The rare institution is financed by a Swiss foundation.

The single mothers she meets, she said, often are young, illiterate farm, girls who were sent to the cities to work as maids, often when they were a young as 8 or 10.

"Really the parents are to blame, or

the men who seduced them or raped them." Mrs. Edbouche said. "But the man is never held accountable. The woman carries all the blame and

Nouzha Skali, a pharmacist who has helped create a legal aid center for women, said that the police rarely took an interest in rape complaints.

Police treat the raped woman as the guilty party." she said. "They will say,"
"Were you dressed properly? or, 'What
were you doing oo the street any."

In the fish cannery where Rashida works, almost 50 women live in the squalid factory dormitory. Most are single, many have children. The women would not give their last names, skrug ging off the request as irrelevant.

Zara, 45, shares a room with five

other women and three of their children, among them her daughter Hariba, 22, who was born here at the cannery and also works here. "Hariba is the daughter of a policeman who took me by force at the cemetery," Zara said matter of

Rashida herself takes great pride in Hiba, her 4-year-old daughter. In her cheerless existence — she was sent away to become a maid at age 6 - The

away to become a hand at age of the little girl is her joy.

One of Rashida's few possessions is a photograph of the son of her employer, who raped her twice and left her with child. One day, she said, she will show her fair-skinned daughter the picture of the light-skinned man who is her fair-skinned man who

Baghdad Posts A Bounty on **Allied Pilots**

BAGHDAD - Iraq said Monday it was offering a bounty for shooting down allied pilots as a U.S. envoy took his 'topple Saddam' tour to Oman-12 President Saddam Hussein-of Iraq offering Iraqis 25 million dirats (\$13,500) for downing a U.S. or British Washing a day a bounty of 5 million

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dinars for the capture of a pilot, the newspaper Nabd al Shabab announced. The rewards, similar to offers made during the 1991 Gulf War, are enormous in Iraq, where the average monthly sal- ary of a civil servant is worth only \$5 because of the dinar's collapse under UN sanctions.

The United States has mounted-almost daily raids on Iraqi air defenses since Baghdad started challenging U.S. and British flights over its northern and southern no-flight zones, from which Iraqi aircraft are excluded. The escalation of air attacks follows the four-day U.S. and British bombing campaign against Iraq, called Operation Descrit Fox, in December. Baghdad refuses to

recognize the exclusion zones. On Sunday, U.S. and British planes attacked air defense sites in both zones, hut Iraq pledged to keep op its chal-

While the United States kept up the military pressure, the U.S. assistant secretary of state, Martin Indyk, flew to Oman oo the fourth leg of a Gulf tour to rally support for covert operations to overthrow Mr. Saddam. He warned on Kowaiti television that

the United States would not drop the threat of military force against Baghdad 'until this regime is changed."

SOS Is Buried At Sea, Amen

LONDON - SOS, RIP. Morse code officially went out of use Monday for ships in peril at sea nearly 90 years after SOS was adopted as the international distress call. Feb. I was the date set by the

International Maritime Organization to replace dots and dashes with a satellite network, the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, that can pinpoint the location of a ship signaling for help.

It was 100 years ago that a radio

message first set off a rescue mission at sea. A lightship called for assistance when it saw the steamship Elbe run aground off Dover, England, the maritime organization said. SOS was adopted at an inter-

national conference convened three months after the Titanic cruise ship sank in 1912.

According to the maritime orga-nization, SOS was adopted because it was easily recognizable — dot dot dot dash dash dot dot dot and not because SOS stood for anything, including "save our souls."

The new Global Maritime Dis-

tress and Safety System is accurate within 200 meters (660 feet).

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U.S. Air Fares Rise as 3 Holdout Carriers Give In

By Laurence Zuckerman New York Times Service

NEW YORK - United Airlines. Trans World Airlines and US Airways joined other large U.S. air carriers in raising their fares over the weekend, virtually assuring the success of the first industrywide U.S. fare increase in more

Several carriers had been pushing for an increase for months, but their efforts were thwarted by Northwest Airlines, which refused to go along. But on Friday, Northwest followed Delta Air Lines, raising prices 2 percent on the last-minute fares most often paid by business travelers and 4 percent on advance-pur-

chase tickets aimed at vacationers. Several other airlines quickly raised

Americans in Dubai

Warned to Be Alert

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (Reu-

ters) - The U.S. Embassy in the United

Arab Emirates warned Americans in the

country to be on their guard after an

explosive device was discovered in a

Dubai supermarket frequented by

Americans and Europeans. An embassy

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prices as well, followed by the three holdouts: United, TWA and US Airways. While Northwest or another airline could still roll back prices, forcing others to follow suit, industry analysts

say that is unlikely. "I think it is safe to say that it will stick," said Samuel Buttrick, an airline

analyst with PaineWehber. Although there had not been an acrossthe-board increase since 1997, fares have regularly risen on individual routes. Mr. Buttrick said the latest increase would have little effect on consumers who shopped for discounts because airlines

would still run sales featuring ticket prices at current levels or lower. Indeed, United announced a sale Friday, hours before it adjusted its general fare structure to reflect the new increase.

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seen husiness fares rise 34 percent over the past three years according to American Express Co., will see another increase. Companies have started buying restricted leisure fares, preferring to pay the \$75 penalty for changing flights be-cause the total would still be lower than the last-minute fare. Others are cutting travel or encouraging alternatives such as videoconferencing to save money.

However, corporations, which have

Airline executives and industry analysts said the increase was justified even though inflation was less than 1 percent last vear because revenue has been de-

Delta led the fare increase after it failed last week in an attempt to add a \$1 surcharge oo tickets not booked through

and some politicians have complained air fares are already too high and threaten to strangle economic growth in regions not served by two or more carriers. "Nobody is going to take away the expectation and the privilege for an in-

dustry to raise prices if it can," said Kevin Mitchell, chairman of the Busioess Travel Coalition, which lobbies oo behalf of several large corporations. "The problem is if it is in the absence of competition."
Mr. Buttrick said the price increase

was not a panacea for the industry.
"It is going to take more than this fare

increase to get there, based on recent trends," he said, referring to his revenue growth forecasts of 4 percent for the

Hundreds of passengers were stranded when a strike by 250 air traffic controllers Monday canceled most do-Estonia and Italy have agreed to abolish visa requirements between the two countries, an Estonian Foreign Ministry statement said. (Reuters) ROME - A third day of heavy snowfall and frigid Siberian winds disrupted transportation and forced the closure of more schools Monday in central and southern Italy.

On the island of Sardinia, where many regions had not seen snow in 30 years, the mayor of Nuoro ordered all schools shut and asked hospital personnel to work longer for colleagues stranded at home. Several roads were shut for fear of fatal Residents in Palermo, the usually balmy capital of Sicily, woke up to see a snowstorm for the second straight day. 1792 9445 pc 2373 1263 pq 1467 256 c 1457 458 pc 3391 1365 s 2562 1457 s 1253 459 c



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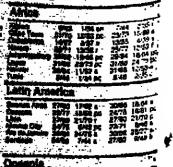
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Budget 2000: Clinton Adds Billions in **New Spending**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton released a \$1.766 trillion federal budget blueprint Monday for 2000 that proposes billions of dollars in new spending while preaching fiscal con-

Last year, for the first time in three decades, we turned red ink to black," ar. Clinton said Monday at an appearce at the White House. "Our economic house is in order and strong." His budget plan asks Congress for

substantial new money for scores of domestic programs popular with liberal and middle-class constituencies, from urban housing vouchers to new classroom construction. But Mr, Clinton, taking advantage of

suiging federal tax receipts, also pro-poses large spending increases for cherished Republican priorities: the military, local police and small business.
The president's plan envisions a budget surplus of at least \$76 billion for the current fiscal year, \$117 billion for fiscal year 2000, and much larger sur-

pluses stretching as far into the future as

government forecasters can see. The health of the U.S. economy and overflowing federal coffers allow Mr. new "investments" in politically popular labor, education, health care and environmental projects while cloaking himself in fiscal prudence by proposing to use budget surpluses to reduce the

federal debt. But the prospects for the president's attibitions programs are uncertain given Republican majorities in both houses of ngress and the ill will on both sides as a result of the impeachment battle.

Republicans seek an across-theboard 10 percent cut in income tax rates, returning \$600 billion or more to taxpayers over the next decade.

That, they say, is critical to keep the Democrats from creating new spending programs.
I wish this budget was something I

could say I support, but frankly, I am convinced that the president has reinvented the era of big government, hav-ing just declared it dead two years ago," said the Senate Budget Committee chairman, Pete Domenici, Republican of New Mexico.

'I believe American taxpayers have given as more of their money than we need, and we should return it to them,".



Bill Clinton arriving back at the White House on Monday, fresh from a trip to Camp David, where he read and played ball with his dog, Buddy.

Mr. Clinton's proposal for increased defense spending is likely to win Republican support and in fact it may be increased. His plan to provide tax creditation for long-term medical care also has

bipartisan support.

But many of the other spending programs are unlikely to win Republican backing at a time when limits on federal spending imposed as a result of the Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997 remain in effect.

While the president proposes to in-crease overall government spending by \$39 billion over this year's level, federal outlays as a proportion of the U.S. economy will be at the lowest level since 1973, 19.4 percent.

The plan raises, but does not definitively answer, the overriding economic question now before the Congress and the White House: how to adjust to a time of surplus after a generation of seem-ingly intractable federal budget defi-

The plan, all of which is subject to congressional approval, is in effect a holding action until a long-term plan is negotiated to shore up Social Security and Medicare, the crown jewels of Democratic progressivism that are projected to run out of money early in the next century.

President Clinton has announced a plan to ensure the solvency of Social Security and Medicare well into the next century by reserving 77 percent of any budget surpluses to shore up the uni-

Voters Give Bill Bradley an Earful

Presidential Hopeful Makes First Foray Into New Hampshire

By Dale Russakoff Washington Post Service

DOVER, New Hampshire - Bill Bradley's first campaign trip to New Hampshire ended in a kitchen at a Head Start center, with the man who would be president talking intently to two cooks about their families, their work, their values and their hopes for the future.

Mr. Bradley never said anything about Washington or the mess it is in. But after he left, the cooks crupted at the first mention of the subject.

"Talk about turnoff!" Eve Krook. 35, exclaimed. "Turn on the TV and see a whole bunch of congressmen!"

She spat out the word "congress-men" like a wad of rancid food.

Watching Vice President Al Gore,
who is Mr. Bradley's opposent for the
Democratic Party's presidential nom-ination, was not much easier, she said. 'Yoo can tell how strong a person is or isn't by how they act toward their boss. He hasn't stood up to his boss. He hasn't stood up FOR him. He just stands

"Show some backbone!" said Priscilla Boodrean, 47, slapping the chopping block.

This was the dynamic of Mr. Bradley's debut as a presidential candidate. He kept walking into the fahled "dis-An additional 12 percent of the projected surpluses is being set aside under the administration's plan for a new form connect" that pollsters have identified between Washington and the rest of the

United States. People are making one decision when they vote for president: Who do this person have remotely the same ideas I do about life?"

Throughout his three-day trip last week, he talked about tapping "the unfulfilled potential of the American people"; about delivering politics from the influence of big money, back to people; about leading by "core convictions," incloding racial unity.

He recounted his rise from smalltown Missouri boy to Rhodes scholar to professional basketball star and United tates senator. He offered few specifics, such as where he would set the min-imum wage or the defense budget or what he would do in Kosovo. He said all this would come later. And he never talked about impeachment or Mr. Gore until he was asked.

Bot as in the Head Start kitchen, he did not have to. Thirteen months before New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation presidential primary, the people here were more focused on venting than voting, and Mr. Bradley became a vehicle

vithout even trying.

The more he vowed to be civil toward opponents, remain true to himself, govern for the general interest - not special interests - the more clear it became that many in his audiences had all hot given up oo finding these simple, civiestext virtues in national politics.

At event after eveot, he was approached hy people who said they were looking for a way out of the lies, the partisanship, the muck of impeachment. Applause broke out spontaneously at

they trust?" Mr. Bradley said. "Does Plymouth High School when a man who said he was a libertarian rose to say, "I read that your integrity is beyond re-

proach. Keep that in the forefront!"

"I'm looking not only for someooe who's bright and who carries my legislative agenda, but who's honest," said Susan Herman, a college instructor and self-described liberal, as she shook Mr. Bradley's hand at the Bagel Works in

"Right now, I've got two out of three," she said, "and I'm telling you, it's oot enough." Of Mr. Gore, she said, 'He's not the winds of change."

But if Mr. Bradley represents a change voters yearn for, it was unclear how and whether he could mount a eampaign that galvanized voter disaffection. Although he has been a national figure since he played high school bas-

ketball, Mr. Bradley has rarely been comfortable in the spotlight. Year after year, political observers have predicted that Mr. Bradley would run for president - and year after year he has demurred, saying the timing was not right. Now he seemed exhilarated to 'reach a time,' as he put it, "when the inside feels right with the outside."

His inner feelings were a recurring subject in his chats and news conferences, a contrast with his cerebral-senator image. He said he was changed by his wife's struggle through breast cancer, the suicides of two friends and his near-defeat in 1990, when he remained aloof to a roiling anti-tax uprising in New Jersey. "I knew that I had led from my mind, and you also have to lead through feeling," he said.

Mr. Bradley apparently felt he had made an emotional connection here, through coffees, ambles down Main Streets and open-ended conversations. "I'm loving it," he said at ooe point. "I called my wife last oight and said I haven't felt this way in I didn't know how long.'

lt was unclear whether the voters' disaffection would last until primary day - and eveo less clear whether it was widespread enough to pose a threat to Mr. Gore, whose oetwork of battletested party activists here is said by supporters to be more formidable oow than President Bill Clinton's was on the eve of the 1992 primary.

Most people who came to see Mr. Bradley said they rarely if ever have worked in presidential primaries. Mr. Bradley's limitations as a politician his woodeo speaking style, his aloof-oess from the often-muddy party trenches — seemed to work in his favor. "I think there's a lot of pent-up emotion for Bradley," said a lawyer, Allan Krans, 47. "He adds a new element—a nonslick candidate."

POLITICAL NOTES

The Clinton-Must-Suffer Camp

of retirement account designed to in-

crease the nation's paltry personal sav-

ORLANDO, Florida — For many conservatives, the failure to feel any real satisfaction in seeing President Bill Clinton humbled comes down to this: He isn't.

"He doesn't feel impeached," said Norma Adams, a Republican, attending the party's state convention here over the weekend. "I don't consider him impeached at this point, with him being so brazen and pretending every-thing's great in his life."

Two of Ms. Adams's friends cut in simultaneously: "He's impeached!" Bot they, too, said the president's refusal to cry after his whipping was eating at them as much as any other aspect of the events of the last year. "Who could be impeached and yet have their cheerleading section going within minutes?" wondered Lou Howard, 72, of Cocoa Beach. Ray Marino, a 62-year-old from Brevard County, just shook his head. "It's the arrogance factor," he said. In interviews, on conservative talk radio and in Congress, where the House managers seem increasingly testy even when they get their way, the Republican faithful come across, above all, as frustrated.

Their team scored in ways almost no one expected this

apologize repeatedly, and his wife had to dip into her hind trust to help settle the Paula Jooes sexual barassment suit. Bot for many here, the most enduring images of the last year include Mr. Clinton's walking around with o drum in

last year. The president was impeached and made to

his hand and a cigar in his mouth after Mrs. Jones' suit was dismissed in April. And they see him still, in their mind's eye, shaking hands at a party after his impeachment when several congressional Democrats joined him at the White House to provide moral sopport.

"That was disgusting," said Pat Bailey, a 57-year-old state committee member from Ponte Vedra Beach. (NYT)

New Jersey Governor Breaks Leg

NEW YORK - Governor Christie Whitman of New Jersey broke her lower leg in two places Sunday when she fell while skiing in Davos, Switzerland, where she was attending the World Economic Forunt.

"She was on an intermediate slope and took a turn and a twist and the rest was history," said Jayne O'Connor, a spokeswoman. Mrs. Whitman had surgery at a local hospital, where she expects to remain until midweek. (NYT)

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here in Davos.

India Yields on Test Ban Treaty

NEW DELHI - India has made a conditional offer to sign a noclear test ban treaty while its major rival, Pakistan, demonstrated a renewed willingness on Mon-

day to stop nuclear tests but made no promises.

U.S. and Indian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that India had agreed to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty provided economic sanctions imposed last year after it held nuclear tests were lifted. In their comments, neither source could say exactly when New Delhi would sign the treaty or when the

sanctions would be lifted. , Pakistan, meanwhile, welcomed the U.S. depoty sec-Pakistan, meanwante, workened Monday by showing a retary of state, Strobe Talbott, on Monday by showing a (AP) willingness to evaluate its nuclear program.

Seoul Dismisses 6 Prosecutors

SEOUL — The government dismissed 6 prosecutors and reprimanded 19 Monday in a corruption scandal that has embarrassed South Korea's judicial system. Five judges also faced investigation and possible punishment for alleged involvement in the scandal. They

were suspected of receiving payoffs in return for introducing clients to a lawyer. The scandal came to light in early January, when a

diagrantled aide to a lawyer passed to the press a list of hundreds of prosecutors, judges and police and court afficials who allegedly received bribes.

(AP)

China Detains Intellectual

BEIJING — The Chinese police have sentenced the head of an intellectuals! forum to 15 days in detention on charges of soliciting a prostitute. His legal adviser said

Monday that the charge was unfounded.

The police detained Peng Ming on Jan. 25 in a nightchib and sentenced him the next day to 15 days in detention, said his adviser, Zhon Guoqiang.

Defendant in Singapore Insists on Free Speech

SINGAPORE — A Singapore opposition politician on trial for giving a speech without a license proclaimed his right to free expression on Monday and accused the authorities of discriminating in issuing such permits.

The politician, Chee Soon Juan, secretary-general of the tiny Singapore Democratic Party, took the stand and insisted that curbs on political activity violate his right to free ex-

Mr. Chee is charged with holding a rally without police exmission in the financial district on Dec. 29. The maximum fine is 5,000 Singapore dollars (\$3,000). He risks being barred from running for Parliament if he is fined more than 2,000 dollars. He has said that he will not pay any fine, and thus faces

a jail sentence.

Mr. Chee contends that the Public Entertainment Act, under which he was brought to court, violates constitutional guar-

antices of free speech in Singapore.

As I understand it, a constitution is a set of fundamental histoples upon which the country is governed and in that constitution it is stated that I have the right to freedom of speech, assembly and association," Mr. Chee told the court, presided over by Judge See Kee Oon.

Amid Capitalists, Malaysia's Gadfly Seeks Vindication

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

DAVOS, Switzerland --The world's financial commanders have had no greater nemesis in recent years than Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia, who has benned the trading of his country's currency, de-nounced U.S. economic imperialism and jailed his fi-nance minister for daring to challenge his economic prescriptions and his iron-

handed rule. So it came as something of a jolt for the world's most dedicated capitalists, gather-ing for an annual retreat of the financial elite in this resort town, to discover Mr. Mahathir in their midst.

He has been everywhere, behind closed doors with bankers, dropping hints that he is thinking of cutting spe-cial deals for "responsible" investors who want to move money in and out of his coun-

True to form, Mr. Mahathir has been by turns charming and combative - except on one subject the continuing corruption and sexual-misconduct trial of his former hand-picked successor, An-

"He thought he could unseat me through street demonstrations, the way Subarto was overfinown by street demonstrations," Mr. Ma-

prominent political casualty of the Asian economic crisis. In one sense, Mr. Mahathir was lost in the parade of lominaries here, from Nelson

Mandela of South Africa to Yevgeni Primakov of Russia to the UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, to the huge del-egation of U.S. officials who sometimes cannot help sounding a bit as if they are taking a victory lap.

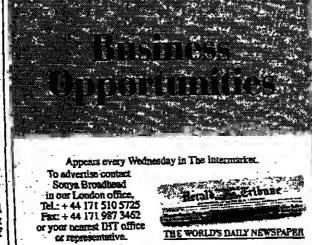
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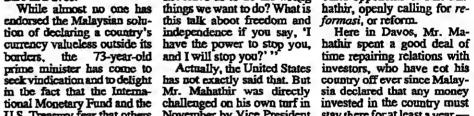
Washington was announcing another spectacular quarter of growth for the U.S. economy that only underscored the sense among the crisiswracked here that the global financial system was rigged for the United States' benefit. That makes Mr. Mahathir's

theories sound a lot less wild to many now than they did 18 months ago. Back then, he was still debating George Soros—the financier who is also here with a parcel of aides whispering into the timest of cell phones - about the dangers of currency speculators.

In a bitter debate with Mr. Soros at the 1997 meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, Mr. Mahathir called for controls on the free flow of capital around the world, and Mr. Soros called the prime minister "a menace to his own country.

Now, Mr. Mahathir's favorite hobbyhorse - controlling capitalism's exhathir said at a dinner with a cesses, keeping small coungroup of journalists, referring tries from being washed out to to the fate of the former pres- sea by the ebb and flow of ident of Indonesia, the most billions of dollars - is the





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sobtext of half of the seminars Malaysia," he said. "Why language of Mr. Anwar and we can regulate the country's other opponents of Mr. Ma- economy better because we have control," he said. In the next breath, though,

Mr. Mahathir talked about relaxing the rule to allow some international investors back in -except of course, for those nasty currency speculators.

He said one possibility was to put together "a selective listing of good and bad investors," though it was not clear who would get on the list, presumably not Mr. Soros.



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Jailed Leader **In East Timor Appeals to All** To Stay Calm

DILI, East Timor --- With factions in East Timor arguing ever more loudly for and against independence from Indonesia, the imprisoned leader of Timor's separatist guerrillas, in a message broad-cast Monday, asked both sides to stay calm and refrain from armed conflict.

Indonesian loyalists in East Timor said Monday that they were heading for Jakarta to seek arms, fearing civil war if the territory gained independence.

On the other side of the issue, about 200 youths staged a rally in the East Timor capital to press for independence as tension remained high after Indonesia's surprise announcement last week

that it might let the territory go.

The protesters, some wearing headbands with "Total Independence" in Portuguese inscribed on them, went to the local parliament to make calls for a free East Timor.

The separatist leader, Xanana Gus-mao, who is being held in Jakarta's Cipinang prison, said in a recorded message broadcast Monday on Portuguese state radio's Asian service that supporters of Indonesian rule and pro-independence activists "must show mutual respect." "I want to appeal to all the East

Timorese to stay calm," Mr. Gusmao said in the message recorded Sunday. We all have to embrace in national unity," Mr. Gusmao urged, and "avoid

radicalism and learn politics." Hc assured supporters of continued integration in Indonesia that they should not fear moves toward autonomy or independence for the disputed half-island

'Don't fear that you will be thrown out of your jobs," Mr. Gusmao said.
Pro-Indonesian activists have warned of the possibility of civil war among rival East Timorese factions if Indonesia withdrew troops from the territory it invaded in 1975. Some pro-indepen-

youths who refused to join them. 'The pro-integration group is armed, and locals, especially the youngsters, have been intimidated and forced to join the militia or be killed if they refuse to do said the independence activist Amandio Araujo.

The pro-independence protesters thing: "The officials just help one antoured the streets of Dili on Monday on other, and the corrupt ones just get moved on to new jobs." Timor Leste!" ("Long Live East In several telephone calls to Daolin



REMEMBERING A HERO — Women with a portrait of Ayatoliah Ruholiah Khomeini visiting his mausoleum in Tehran on Monday, the 20th anniversary of his return from exile to lead the Islamic revolution that overthrew the shah. Ten days of festivities are planned. Soyo.

BRIEFLY

LARNACA, Cyprus — Two Israelis were sentenced to three years in prison on Monday after their plea of guilty last week to a charge of approaching a prohibited military area in Cyprus and possessing wireless scanning equipment without a license.

Baltimodo that government forces at the town of Lufico, 130 kilometers from Soyo, had also started to abandon their homes. Mr. Gato's claim could not be independently confirmed.

UNITA and the government renewed their civil war in December after a fragile four-year

The Israelis were arrested on Nov. 6 at the small fishing village of Zigi on the Cypriot southern coast. They were found to have radio scanners, a lap-top computer, cellular phones and eight maps of the island. The village is near military installations, including an army commando training camp.

Angola Rebels Advance

JOHANNESBURG — Angola's UNITA rebel group claimed Monday that its forces had captured the small town of Tomboco, 150 kilometers (90 miles) from the coastal oil town of

The UNITA secretary-general, Paulo Cyprus Sentences 2 Israelis Lukamba Gato, said by satellite telephone from the UNITA central highland headquarters of Bailundo that government forces at the town of

Last Friday, the two — Udi Hargov, 37, and Igal Damary, 49 — entered pleas of guilty to the charges after the prosecution dropped charges of conspiracy and espionage, apparently in a plea bargain deal. Conspiracy and espionage carried maximum 10-year jail penalties.

Civil war in December after a fragile four-year peace collapsed. The march on Tomboco followed the capture by UNITA last Wednesday of the provincial northwest capital of Mbanza Congo. Mr. Gato indicated that Soyo was the rebels goal.

(Reuters)

2 Rights Advocates Slain

BOGOTA - Gunmen forced two prisoners' rights advocates from a bus and shot and killed

them, the rights group reported. The men were headed from Medellin to Bogota on Sunday when their bus was stopped by two men and a woman in the town of San Luis, the Committee for Solidarity with Political Pris-

oners said. The two, Everardo de Jesus and Julio Ernesto Gonzalez, were shot and killed immediately after being taken from the bus, the group said in a statement. It said they had been headed to a human rights meeting in Bogota.

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As in Bosnia, Mr. Milosevic would

Mr. Milosevic will be able to argue that even the introduction of Western

settlement, reinforcing his international

and domestic stature

CHINA: Rising Protests by Farmers Provoke a Violent Response

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poor nor rich by the standards of rural China, where families squeeze out two rice crops a year on small plots of land.

Interviews with numerous farmers across the angry township suggest that resentment of local party and govern-ment officials is pervasive, linked to the multitude of taxes they levy and a sense that the officials fritter the money away with extravagant "wining and dining." So general is the antipathy that local police have not dared to enter the villages o arrest wanted protest organizers. The national leaders have acknowl-

dged the threat to the party. President Jiang Zemin, Mr. Zhn and taxes and against comption both petty and grand. The party has also promoted dence campaigners accused pro-Jakarta vent discontent and root ont venal or year's income gangs of stockpiling guns and killing incompetent cadres.

an suggests that here at least, hostility seem to retain some faith in top national

Several said essentially the same

About two years ago, concerned farmers from several villages of Daolin

formed an organization, said a man who was involved, who for fear of arrest would not allow his name to be used. Similar groups have been formed in at least 4 of the 12 other townships in the surrounding county of Ningxiang, he said.

The Daolin group was spearheaded by a man named Yang Yaojin, farmers said, who is now wanted by the local police.

The group adopted an intentionally

innocuous name: Volunteers for Publicity of Policies and Regulations. The name was a sly one, reflecting the farmers' basic complaint and their strategy, which is to praise national officials and others constantly rail against arbitrary paint local ones as violators. The central government, the involved man noted, has a policy that taxes on farmers should elections of village leaders, intended to not exceed 5 percent of their previous

"We had found that the policies of But an afternoon with farmers in Hun- local cadres ran counter to those of the provincial and central governments," the toward local party and government of-ficials remains high, though farmers ship and county officials have inflated the incomes of local villagers in their records, so they can levy higher taxes without seeming to violate the rules. The real per capita income in Daolin in 1998 was 1,400 yuan, or about \$170,

the man said, but officials claimed that it was 2,400 yuan, about \$290.

frontation or the farmers' accusations. 15 different fees levied by the township alone. They include a \$1.50 fee for every pig slaughtered — and, farmers said indignantly, every family is charged the slaughter tax once a year even if it has no pigs. A fee is collected for production of "special products" like nuts, even when

none are grown, they said. There are fees for animal inoculations, for school, for permits to get mar-ried or to have a baby. Then, the farmers said, there are special levies for projects like power plants and schools.

As a result, instead of paying the legal total taxes of \$8 a person per year, local farmers ended up paying \$15 a person, plus special levies. This may not seem like much to outsiders, but the farmers described the extra amount as a real burden on their meager incomes.

Those who took part in the protest here said they could stomach the extra fees if they yielded benefits, but instead they just felt exploited.
"Special fund raising should be used

for special projects, but the moncy has been wasted by the wining and dining of township officials," one farmer said, "They raised the money for this, for that, hut they didn't start any projects." Last June, the man involved in the

farmer organization said, they held a large, peaceful demonstration in Daolin that prompted officials to reduce school



organization put up posters all over the township. One called on residents to rally at the township headquarters on Jan. 8. That morning, thousands of farmers gathered in Daolin town to find them-

selves facing hundreds of armed policemen and a special riot squad from the provincial capital of Changsha, 50 kilometers (30 miles) away, with masks and shields, batons and tear gas. Before the farm leaders had given their speeches, as the crowd surged and jostled near the headquarters entrance, the police told people to leave and then lobbed several tear gas canisters, witnesses said.

One exploded against the leg of Zhang Huangli, said his widow, Wen Xiuqing, who recalled the event in her house of mud bricks amid dozens of agitated rela-Before the next rally, the one that tives. She insisted that her husband had

KOSOVO: Aces for Milosevic ceptance from the Kosovar rebels. And there is also a wide expectation that Mr. Milosevic will eventually anthorize an interim settlement that leaves Kosovo a vague hut largely self-governing entity within the formal sover-eignty of Yugoslavia, as the West is again become a vital guarantor of any

troops into Kosovo will serve to repress the "terrorism" of the Kosovo Liberation Army, to protect Serbs and their national sites and to keep Kosovo from becoming independent. Already, on state television, Mr. Milosevic is being hailed for demanding that Kosovo must remain "part of our

country." While the name of that country — Yugoslavia and not Serbia — is left deliberately vague, "one can already smell the way a settlement will be spun here," said Bratislav Grubacic, a wellconnected editor. In November, Mr. Milosevic fired key members of his inner circle, including

the long-serving army chief of staff, General Momcilo Perisic, and the head of intelligence, Jovica Stanisic, reportedly at the urging of his wife, Mirjana Markovic. At the time, Washington officials saw

the purge as an indication of Mr. Milosevic's weakness and the fragility of his regime. Some thought the effective loss of Kosovo would mean the quick

But Mr. Perisic has not attracted supporters and Mr. Milosevic's control over also has interests.

strengthened, with the dollar falling to the apparatus of both the federal and Mr. Soros urged the IMF, acting as a 1.91 reals from 2.06 reals on Friday.

strengthened, with the dollar falling to the apparatus of both the federal and Serbian authorities seems enhanced, said both Mr. Grubacic and a Serbian journalist, Ljiljana Smajlovic.

'Milosevic is in great shape," Ms. Smajlovic said, having co-opted into the ruling coalition both the nationalist leader of the Radical Party, Vojislav Sesejl, and the most charismatic leader of the former opposition coalition, Mr. Draskovic, who agreed to enter the fed-

eral government two weeks ago.
"Milosevic can say with some legitimacy that he has a national unity government, and, politically, he controls every institution," Ms. Smajlovic said. "The only people outside his reach are those, like students, journalists and professors, who have no parliamentary seats

And this more liberal group can hardly attack Mr. Milosevic from the right, for avoiding another war and making concessions on Kosovo.

"Officials here like to say that they

don't have enough money to make everyone happy, but they have enough to bribe anyone they need," Mr. Grubacic said. "The country is poorer than before, Paribas, said it would become one of the touchahle, and underneath him, the fac-

Even a prominent member of the opposition Democratic Party, its vice president, Slobodan Vuksanovic, says Mr. Milosevic's position is unchallenged now, and that the opposition damaged itself by its mistakes and rivalries.

Only two years ago, 200,000 people turned out daily in Belgrade to demonstrate against Mr. Milosevic and for democratic spokesman like Mr. Draskovic, Zoran Djindjic and Vesna Pesic. Their coalition — Zajedno, or Unity — won local elections in Belgrade, which represents almost a third of Sechial's peopletics. Serbia's population.

Timor!''). There were no reports of trou-ble. (AP, Reuters) township offices, the officials spoken to anywhere, farmers said they had counted ended in violence a few weeks ago, the been an innocent bystander.

CLINTON: Lewinsky Under Questioning

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from the White House and Senate team to question the woman at the heart Democrats. "This man is on the loose, of the story. he's unreined, he's going to do whatever

pering with the Senate trial," adding, to underscore the contrast with the "Somebody ought to tell him he's not House prosecution team, which consists the 101st senator.

Some Senate Republicans also deplored the timing of the report. "I expected to move slowly and gently, to thought that the timing was extremely unfortunate," said Senator Susan Collins, Republican of Maine.

Susan to instant this Stallar was expected to move slowly and gently, to be sure not to antagonize Ms. Lewinsky, and to open no new avenues for investigation.

Democrats accused the independent counsel of meddling just as senators of both parties have begun to say publicly that there is virtually no chance they will convict Mr. Clinton and that eventual votes on the two articles of impeachment might not even reach 50 votes, let alone the 67 needed for conviction.

Bitterness between the White House and Starr investigators has flared regularly, often at key junctures, in the time since Mr. Starr's investigation of the president began.

The Senate is now operating under a tentative timetable aimed at ending the proceedings by Feb. 12. Senators, struggling through only the second presidential impeachment trial in history, are still seeking a mntually acceptable measure to reprimand Mr. Clinton for his conduct while not removing him from office.

denied Monday that the office of the independent counsel was the source of the Times article.

"We did not leak this information, he said. "We have no interest in interposing ourseives in the Senate's busi-

He said that Mr. Starr had not decided how to proceed on the matter of indictments. "It is premature for us to be discussing that," he said.

House prosecutors have played down the chances that their interview with Ms. Lewinsky on Monday will produce what one of them, Representative Bill Mc-Collum of Florida, called a "big bomb-

She has testified twice under oath to u grand jury and been interviewed 19 times by FBI agents or Mr. Starr's in-vestigators. Still, there are areas of conflict and contradiction that the Republican prosecutors want to pursue.

wanted to ask Ms. Lewinsky about the feuding Balkan leaders. details of her discussions with the president regarding the affidavit she was to Albanians — being convened at a chatfile in the Paula Jones sexual harassment eau in Rambouillet, southwest of Paris, case against him. They also wanted to at the end of this week — bear some ask whether efforts by Vernon Jordan superficial resemblance to the success-Jr., a close Clinton friend, to help her ful Dayton conference. find a job were designed to influence that

Mr. Clinton's White House and participants will be in the pressure private lawyers, like the House man-cooker of an isolated setting. agers, were to be allowed up to four hours to question the young former the heft of Dayton.

White House intern. It was the first op. First, Mr. Milosevic himself will be

portunity since the scandal erupted more than a year ago for Mr. Clinton's legal

Questioning was being handled by he wants to do," Senator Tom Harkin of two women, Nicole Seligman, 42, and Iowa, a liberal Democrat, said Monday. Cheryl Mills, 33, leaving Mr. Kendall to A White House spokesman, James look on That choice appeared intended Kennedy, accused Mr. Starr of "tam- to reassure the witness, 26, and perhaps of 13 older males.

Ms. Mills and Ms. Seligman were

In the expectation that the videotape of the session might be viewed from the Senate floor, Mr. Clinton's lawyers were likely to ask Ms. Lewinsky to confirm her closing remark to the grand jury last Aug. 20: "No one ever asked me to lie, and I was never promised a joh for my

The flap over Mr. Starr reflects the fact that constitutional lawyers are divided about whether a sitting president can be indicted.

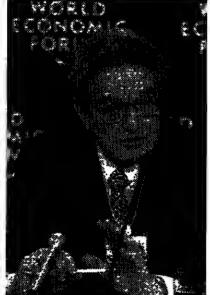
A common presumption, based partly on a finding during the Watergate era by Judge Robert Bork, is that he cannot be. The constitutional language on the question is not clear.

the grand-jury investigation of Mr. Clinton, Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, is already investigating White House com-A Starr spokesman, Charles Bakaly, plaints that Mr. Starr illegally leaked confidential grand-jury information.

The president has long trod delicately in his statements and denials about the

charges against him, knowing be was vulnerable to criminal indictment after he left office. That caution has produced legalisms and circumlocutions that have ngered his critics.
The trial is to resume Thursday, after

senators have had a chance to review the depositions of Ms. Lewinsky, Mr. Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal, a White



Mr. Soros on Monday at the Davos

DAVOS: Soros Urges IMF Bailout of Brazil

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tion since the Asian financial crisis began in 1997, urged the IMF on Monday to take quick action in Brazil, where he also has interests.

"lender of last resort," to release some has been approved by the agency to this should be done He called Brazil's recent interest rate

increases "a disastrous move."

Brazil's central bank raised its lending rate for banks Monday for the fourth from 37 percent Friday. Higher rates have been advocated by the IMF as a rency, the real, which has fallen nearly 40 percent since the government allowed it to float freely last month.

"The currency was overvalued" bemeeting: "You effectively had the fore its recent plunge, he said. "But the beginning of a run on the banks." currency, if anything, is undervalued."

On Monday, the IMF's second-ranking official, Stanley Fischer, flew to Brazil to push for a revised program downfall of Mr. Milosevic. aimed at resuscitating its economy and financial system. As he did so, the real

"Right as this minute, Brazil has arof the \$41.5 billion in emergency aid that rived at the point where interposing a wall of money would stabilize the situstabilize Latin America's biggest econ-omy. But he provided no details of how bilizing Brazil's finances would only bilizing Brazil's finances would only become more difficult with time. Jeffrey Sachs, a Harvard economist

who has been a vocal critic of the IMF. predicted Mr. Fischer's visit would only make things worse in Brazil. "The IMF consecutive business day, to 39 percent is in Brasilia today telling them to jack from 37 percent Friday. Higher rates up interest rates," he told Reuters television. "That does not restore investor means to stabilize the Brazilian cur- confidence, that just pushes the recession fully into depression."

Mr. Soros said his plan would avoid

the problem that economists call "moral risk," that is bailing out stricken econ- or institutional authority." omics and investors in a way that encourages further risky investing.

MERGER: Societe Generale and Paribas to Form European Giant

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The federal judge who has overseen partners. Once-national banks no longer operate in insular markets hut instead over a vast bloc with an economic ontput almost as large as that of the United States. The crises in Asia and Latin America also have put banks under strain, forcing them to consider acqui-sition strategies as income sources in emerging markets have dried up, analysts said.

"The restructuring of the French banking sector is at last about to take a decisive step," the French newspaper Les Echoes commented Monday. In-deed, shares in French banks viewed as likely takeover targets surged in price player in the euro zone. The way is

Some analysts said Credit Commer-

cial de France would be a prime takeover Others pointed to Credit Lyonnais SA, which the government plans to privatize after having spent billions rescuing from financial disaster.

Banque Nationale de Paris, another major French bank, now might need to look to its longtime partner in Frankfurt, Dresdner Bank AG, a powerhouse in European finance, as a potential merger candidate, said Methahan Sen, an industry analyst in Frankfurt at the B. Metzler Sohn & Co. bank.

opened now for gennine European con-

The influence of the SG Paribas deal cial de France would be a prune lakeover target because it was too small to survive goes beyond banking. The German insaid. "The country is poorer than before, in the global economy without a partner, surer Allianz AG, which holds a stake in but passive. Milosevic is the king, unbiggest shareholders in the new French tions are fighting. bank. Analysts said that would stoke Allianz's rivalry with AXA SA, France's biggest insurer and a major shareholder in SG Paribas.

Addressing one of the most immediate concerns about the deal, Daniel Bouton, president of Societe Generale, said he did not expect mass layoffs but added that it was "too early" to predict how the work force would be affected. The head of Paribas, Andre

Levy-Lang, is to become chairman of the new group. Mr. Bouton would he vice president and become president in 2002, the two banks announced.

Belgrade Urges UN to Block **NATO From Using Air Raids**

Reuters
BELGRADE — The Yugoslav government called Monday for a meeting of the UN Security Council to try to prevent NATO from carrying out air strikes in the Kosovo crisis.

It was not immediately clear how the Security Council would respond. Yugoslavia's UN membership was suspended with the breakup of the old federation, and Belgrade refuses to reapply for membership. It says the two-republic

Yngoslavia should inherit the seat. The call was prompted by NATO's decision to authorize Secretary-General Javier Solana to approve air strikes against Yugoslavia if it did not respond to a summons to negotiate an autonomy deal for Kosovo.

BALKANS: Tragedy of Bosnia From Slow Decisions Providing Lessons for Kosovo

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Warren Christopher, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, and weight of President Bill Clinton Hoping to buttress their charge that behind them to seal an 11th-bour deal Mr. Clinton obstructed justice, they among Mr. Milosevic and the other among Mr. Milosevic and the other

The talks between Serbs and ethnic

A deadline — Fcb. 19 — has been established for an agreement, and the But beyond that, Rambouillet lacks

Associates of Mr. Milosevic have

suggested the Yugoslav leader fears he has been secretly indicted by the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague and that he therefore risks arrest if be goes Instead, the Serbian delegation will

be headed by Mr. Milosevic's longtime ally, Milan Milutinovic, the president of Serbia, who is unlikely to be able to do anything without Mr. Milosevic's long-distance assent. Second, even from Belgrade will Mr. Milosevic listen to the two co-chairmen

Vedrine, the foreign minister of France? "Cook is a good guy, but can Cook

British foreign secretary, and Hnbert

absent, apparently fearful of leaving his redoubt in Belgrade.

deliver Milosevic?'' a Clinton official said. ''I doubt it.'' The Americans are planning only a mid-level delegation at the Rambonil-

Third, if it is difficult to foresee Mr. Milosevic's agreeing to grant even stripped from the province a decade ago, what is the credible leverage against the ethnic Albanian rebels of

the Kosovo Liberation Army? Emboldened by a faster supply of burner. better weapons than they had before, the rebels may have little incentive to settle for less than the independence of of the conference - Robin Cook, the Kosovo that they seek.

The notion that NATO can establish a blockade against arms coming across the mountains from Albania is unreal. The administration has argued that down at the last minute.

the biggest stick they have is the "credible" threat of NATO air strikes.

And with the 50th anniversary of NATO due to be celebrated with lavish partying and platoons of heads of state in Washington in April, the administration is eager to solve the Kosovo struggle, more autonomy to Kosovo than that he rather than having it around as an embarrassing blot on the alliance's credibility as the festivities run their course. "Solved" may in fact mean "managed," so that Kosovo will be on a back

> James Hooper, a retired U.S. diplomat who is executive director of the Balkan Action Council, a bipartisan group of former senior policy-makers, said that even though the administration pushed for the right of NATO to bomb the Serbs, it might choose to back

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All Together Now: Ulster's Peace Effort Is Not Crumbling

By James F. Clarity

DUBLIN — The Irish and British leadership and the highest-ranking officials in Northern Ireland are trying to ease fears that the peace effort in the British province is crumbling because of a dispute between Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders oo the issue of disarming the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republican Army.

On Sunday, Seamus Mallon, the deputy first minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly, a body established as part of the peace effort, called for a compromise retreat from the "brinkmanship" that could collapse the peace

Referring to David Trimble, the Protestant who is first minister under the new cooperative political arrangement,

Yeshiva Youths

Insult and Jeer

Reform Rabbis

By Deborah Sontag

JERUSALEM — About 150 strictly

Orthodox Jewish yeshiva students sur-rounded a group of American Reform Jewish rahhis who had gone Monday to pray at the Western Wall, booing toudly

and hurling insults past a human bar-

Most chilling to the Americans, the

youths, their faces contorted in anger

under their black hats, screamed at the rabhis that they should go back to Ger-

many to be exterminated. For Israelis,

such an allusion to the Nazi Holocaust is

loudspeakers driving through their neighborhoods, jostled and pushed at

metal gates that hemmed the men and

"They are nothing but hiological Jews!" declared an Orthodox member

of Parliament, Avraham Leizerson, who

entered the enclosure to shout at the

larly provoking was that men and wom-

en were praying together, which the

Orthodox do not allow, also that the

women, like the meo, wore skullcaps and prayer shawls and that a woman,

Anat Hoffman of the Jerusalem City

Barely audible to each other as they

'If a group of rabbis can't go to the

sang and swayed in prayer, the Amer-

ican rabbis persevered through their en-

Wall, then who can go?" asked Rabbi

Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of

the Associatioo of Reform Zionists of

America in New York. "Who does it

bother? Who considers it provocative?

It's only provocative if you succumb to

the ultra-Orthodox world view, which

sees the Western Wall and all of Israel

but as a giant ultra-Orthodox syn-

knowledge.

Council, was holding the Torah.

tire prayer service.

What the Orthodox found particu-

women rabbis in an enclosure.

The students, rallied by cars with

ricade of border police officers.

In Jerusalem

and Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, Mr. Mallon, a mainstream Catholic, said a solution to the dispute could be found "if they both blink somewhat at the same

One of the difficulties of Northern Irish politics is that people always see the ball in the other fellow's court," he continued.

There was no blinking afterward, though. Mr. Trimble was holding to his position that Sinn Fein would not be allowed to participate fully in the as-sembly until the IRA begins to disarm. The IRA and Sinn Fein gave no sign they would change their position that there would be no disarmament in the

On Saturday, Mr. Trimble and Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland acknowledged that the disarmament issue

After meeting in Mr. Ahem's office in Dublin for 40 minutes, the two leaders agreed that, with a crucial deadline on Feb. 15 for a vote on new government structures for home rule, disarmament was still a "significant

The meeting came after a week in which Mr. Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, and Mo Mowlam, the British Northern Ireland secretary, sought to keep the effort alive. Both have tried to assure colleagues and the public that the peace effort will survive the vote in February on structures that are to be put into effect by the end of

The new structures are intended to give the Catholic minority more power and increase the influence of the overvote is to pave the way for Britain's return of home rule powers to the province through the assembly io Belfast, the northern capital.

In recent days, Mr. Trimble and Ms. Mowlam have addressed indications that the province was edging back into sectarian warfare. Ms. Mowlam called for an end to "punishment beatings" by Catholic and Protestant paramilitary groups, calling the beatings 'atrocious, barbarous behavior."

The number of such beatings of civilians hy paramilitary groups has been accelerating in recent weeks to more

Some members of the British Parliament have called for a halt to the early release of Northern Irish paramilitary prisoners from British jails, a program

was threatening to disrupt, if not collapse, the peace effort.

whelmingly Catholic Irish Republic in the northern province of Ulster. The until the violence in the North subsides. Ms. Mowlam, with the support of Prime Minister Tooy Blair of Britain, said there was no reason to curtail the early releases, and some experts say doing so would increase the potential for vio-

> Mr. Trimble has vowed to keep Sinn Fein from ministers' posts in the new Northern Ireland provisional govern-ment until the IRA begins to disarm. The IRA has refused repeatedly, and Sinn Fein notes, accurately, that there is no requirement in the peace agreement approved last spring for disarmament before May 2000.

> Mr. Trimble's authority is also threatened by dissident Protestant uni-onists who fear he will make a lastminute deal with Sinn Fein that would give it significant influence.

Turkey Presses **Greece to Bar Kurdish Rebel**

ANKARA — Keeping op its crusade against asylum for a Kurdish rebel lead-

The authorities in Athens immediately denied the Turkish claim.

Earlier Monday, Mr. Ocalan was turned back by the Dutch authorities as he headed to the Rotterdam airport where 200 Kurds were waiting to wel-come him. There was no indication where he had come from.

A Dutch attorney, Britta Bohler, said

Mr. Ocalan's quest for a base to lead the Kurdish Workers Party began last year after Turkey successfully pressured Syria into ending years of refuge for him. He left Italy oo Jan. 16 after trying for two months to win asylum.
"We expect Greece to be loyal to its

spokesman, Theodoros Theodorou, in-Mr. Ocalan to come there. Asked

Because of the often hostile relationship between Greece and Turkey, it seemed doubtful that Athens would

The Greek ambassador to Ankara, Dimitrios Nezeritis, was summoned twice Monday by the Turkish Foreign Ministry. Mr. Nezeritis repeated that Mr. Ocalan was not in Greece and that

er, Turkey warned Greece oo Monday not to give refuge to Abdullah Ocalan, who Ankara said had landed at the Athens airport after being rebuffed by the Netherlands.

Mr. Ocalan had wanted to ask the International Court of Arbitration in The Hague to mediate between the Turkish government and Turkey's rebel Kurds.

Later, the undersecretary of the Turkish Foreign Ministry, Korkmaz Haktanir, said that Mr. Ocalan was in his private plane in Athens, awaiting perissioo to disembark.

assurances that it would not accept the terrorist leader," Mr. Haktanir said.
In Athens, a Foreign Ministry

isted that no request had been made for whether the Kurdish leader was anywhere in Greece, he replied; "No."

grant refuge to Mr. Ocalan.

Athens would not let him in.

Turkey has issued an international warrant for Mr. Ocalan on oumerous

BRIEFLY

Slovak Aides Tied To 1995 Abduction

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia -The police in Slovakia said Mon-day that senior officers in the State Security Service coordinated the 1995 abduction of the son of former President Michal Kovac.

The police added that they wanted to bring charges against former Interior Minister Gustav Krajci for abuse of power io a separate incident.

Officials would not say whether former Prime Minister Vladimir -Meciar himself would face charges in connection with the cases.

The abduction of Michal Kovac, whose father was an arch political. foe of Mr. Meciar's, was one of the higgest political scandals in post-Communist Eastern Europe and provoked outrage at home and consternation abroad.

The son, who has the same name as his father, was forced into the trunk of a car and driven into Austria, where he was arrested on a warrant accusing him of fraud.
Two former top security officials

were taken into custody carlier Monday, and the police said they would apply for the lifting of partiamentary immunity from tvan Lexa, who was head of the secutivy service until becoming a deputy for Mr. Meciar's party after elections in September. (Reuters)

Moldovan Leader Says He's Quitting

CHISINAU, Moldova — Prime Minister Ion Ciubuc said Monday that he was resigning because his divided center-right conlition chuld

no looger function as a team.

"The behavior of some members of the government has not allowed to turn it into a consolidated team," Mr. Ciuhuc said at a news conference. "One cannot tolerate this cahinet any longer."

Cahinet posts were distributed, among nationalists and centrists who back the president,

The prime minister said his resignation statement had been sent to Parliament after being agreed to by the president and the deputy

Pope's Flu Is Laid To St. Louis Visit

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II is suffering from influenza. as the Pope indicated Sunday, and this forced him to cancel his Monday audiences, a Vatican spokes-

The Pope caught the flu in the. city of St. Louis, Missouri, said a . prelate who accompanied the pootiff on his fatiguing trip to Mexico and the United States.

When he arrived in St. Louis, the 78-year-old pope was greeted by President Bill Clinton in an aircraft hangar, where the hot and stuffy atmosphere forced most people to take off their coats. (AFP)



Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, left, of West Hartford, Connecticut, exchanging heated opinions Monday at the Western Wall with an Orthodox Jew. The presence of women in the praying American group caused fury.

It was the latest skirmish in a struggle that has been heating up lately between Orthodox Jews and the Reform and Conservative movements, which many fundamentalists believe to be such a dilution of Judaism that they are not the same religion at all.

"You think you are Jewish because you put on a kippa?" Meir Kraus, an Orthodox man, yelled in English, referring to a skullcap.

"This is like if I went to the Vaticao with my prayer shawl. They'd find me completely nuts. You want to do a new religion? Fine. Go do it somewhere else, in Sri Lanka. Leave us Jersualem."

The Western Wall, which is the most hallowed Jewish site, has long been a battleground between traditional and progressive Jews. The prayer area directly in front of the wall is divided into sections for men and women, as in an Orthodox synagogue, but the men's sectioo is much larger.

The Reform and the Conservative oot as the heritage of the Jewish people movements have petitiooed the Supreme Court for a right to hold mixed services before the Wall.

Members of Women of the Wall bave sought court orders allowing them to read from the Torah and to wear prayer shawls there. Orthodox leaders here and in the

United States have successfully fought

off all attempts to relax the religious rules at the Wall. The confrontation at the Wall is in effect a showdown between Jews over the legitimacy of Reform and Conservative Judaism — the dominant move-

ments in the United States, which are very small here. Most Israelis are what the Orthodox here call "secular," which means that they do oot belong to a synagogue or obey the rules of Jewish law, although many observe the Sabbath and most celebrate all Jewish holidays.

Last week, the chief Sephardic rabbi in Israel, Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, lashed out at the Reform movement, saying that hy sanctioning assimilation it had contributed to the loss of more Jews

than died in the Holocaust. He later apologized. But it is not

uocommon to hear such virulent language in Israel, and particularly references to the Holocaust, like the students' shouts that the rabbis should go

back to Germany. There is even what some would call persensitivity to historical references. hen Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyabu unveiled a new campaign slogan

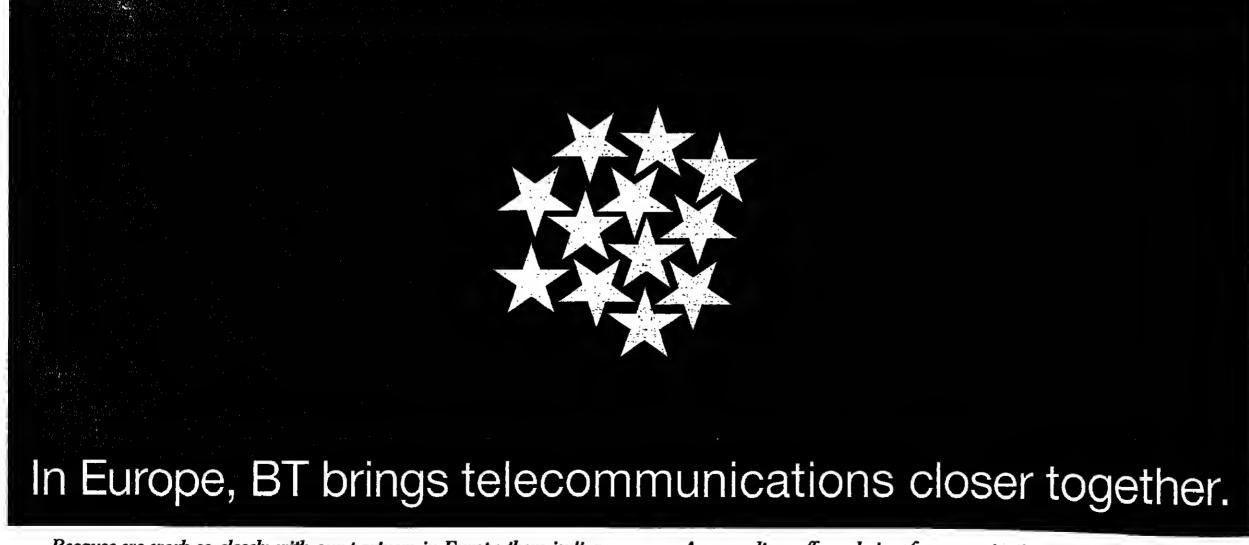
last weekend that declared him "a strong leader for a strong people," the opposition Labor Party was quick to condemn it for evoking memories of The confrontation at the wall also touched another sensitive issue - what

many here see as an ownership battle over Israel: To whom does the Jewish homeland belong? Many Israelis see the Jews living in

other countries as vital to their exist-Others, however, resent what they see

as American meddling in Israeli af-

"Go back to the United States!" the students also shouted repeatedly at the

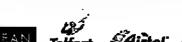


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Yohji Yamamoto's jazz-playing gypsy with tweedy coat and cardigan jacket.



Comme des Garcons' striped suit with Hawaiian lei as a scarf.



Hermes's wide-collared cashmere sweater.



Dries Van Noten's cut-away jacket. ribboned sleeve and rakish hat.



Paul Smith's donegal tweed jacket. tailored shirt and cravate.

Focus Shifts to Opulent Detail

By Suzy Menkes International Herold Tribune

ARIS - So there is fashion life after sportswear! Clicking on to the French menswear shows (my knee injury still forcing me to be a virtual fashion editor) I metaphorically moved the monse to "search"

and "find" sporty details.

CLICK! Two-way zipper. CLICK! Velcro
ab; utility jacker; nylon parka; jogging pants.
Was it a technological glitch? Was I missing something? Everything seemed to be coming up romantic: ribbons, rosettes, touchy-feely fabrics and sweet colors.

Instead of urban workwear, I saw elegant, tailored silhouettes. The nearest thing to sportswear was what an old-fashioned gentleman would once have called a "sports coat" -

a jacket in textured fabric with silken lining.
Yet far from looking gentrified or retro; these clothes for winter 2000 seemed modern, with their super-light constructions and tiny details like the mismatched buttons on Paul Smith's vests or the stitching edging pockets and lapels at

Comme des Garcons. Mostly, the clothes looked reassuringly normal, as though all the experiments with gender-bending, techno fabrics and design gimmicks had been part of the dying century.

"It's very easy to put in frills or 10 zippers — my clothes are more of a secret club," said Paul Smith, who described hidden luxury, recognized Tonly by the discerning, as a "clothing handshake." He said that men get fashion goose bumps from appreciating the intricacies of the handmade shirt, with its carefully crafted button holes and red stitching at the cuff, or the tactile fabrics for jackets and their vivid linings.

Most of the details that make up current designer menswear are invisible. But some of the classy looks were evident even on videotape, like Smith's crisply tailored shirts against deep-pile cord pants, a double-cream roll-neck sweater with flat Prince of Wales check pants and grainy

snede patches on the arms of a sports jacket. The concept of inward, rather than exterior opplence, has always been the creed at Hermes, where the designer Veronique Nichanian was in sporty mode and gave her collection character by showing it on men who were not models. Deerskin and reindeer - luxury hides with a tough look - enlarged her leather repertoire, while utilitarian rainproofed canvas was given a cashmere lining. If you did not know that the basic workwear shapes like zippered tops and parkas were made in succulent fabrics, you wouldn't get it. But even the on-line images showed the quality of glossy leather jackets, a

suede sweater and leather pants. Whereas Milan menswear has a homogenous look, the Paris shows are about individual designers developing original styles. Sharp cutting

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from new generation designers was the big difference between the two fashion capitals.

The designer Hedi Slimane seems to have gotten under the skin of Yves Saint Laurent. taking the house back to the subversive, slim-line sexiness of its 1970s roots. Slimane sent out a trench coat cut like a bathrobe lapping a wet body, tuxedo coats as sbarp as a knife and silky tops with a butter-soft cowl neckline.

masculine and feminine," Slimane said. "I'm not so much for sportswear. I think it's over."

and taut-hipped baggy pants.

spilled out from a pocket.

But what were those strange accessories:
Queen Elizabeth-style silk head squares, neck-laces and even tiaras? They brought a quirky sense of humor to utilitarian clothes such as zippered jackets, smartened np with pull-on overshirts, or to wrap-skirts over pants. A dash of embroidered plaid, white, yellow and gold topstitching and a flash of an apricot sock were

feeling of joyfulness and happiness.' The faces of the seven gypsy groups who modeled Yohji Yamamoto's show gave character to the textured, tailored, tweedy and checkered clothes, generously cut to big pro-portions. Discovered by the designer at a festival for the modern dance director Pina Bausch, the gypsies also brought Romany colors: a paprika velvet vest glowing under a carnel coat; a bussar red scarf against a loden green suit and pieces in shades from leaf green through burgundy. All this was used on a backcloth of Yamamoto's signature tailoring and the audience rose to ap-

cut-away, multibuttoned jackets, long tailored costs and rakish hats. Instead of the designer's familiar ethnic touches, there were ribbons tied

The graphic collection, almost entirely in black, with shades of gray and a shot of electric blne, had attitude; you could imagine rock stars snaking narrow hips in the taut-cut pants and flexing muscled pectorals in the gauzy shirts. "I like the idea of paradox, between the authentic fabrics and sophisticated shapes and between

Raf Simons is another designer with a sly, modern take on tailoring. He endorsed the cape - as a tailored cloak or serape wrap. It made for powerful outerwear, along with short, sharp coals and Sumons's signature sleeveless jackets

The feeling for romance comes with tactile fabrics, feminine touches and especially with color. The Japanese designers, once famous for a black aesthetic, are creating a quiet revolution. Last season, Rei Kawakubo launched new romantic menswear with frilled linings. For fall, she followed through the theme, using soft dusty pink, cranberry, gitane blue or lovat green for her square-cut jackets. Hawaiian leis were then tucked nonchalantly into collars or flowers

designed, Kawakubo said, to "give an overall

plaud not just the gypsy bands, but also a designer who brings poetry to fashion.

Dries Van Noten embraced romance, with

Yves Saint Laurent's narrow belted

bathrobe coat. around jacket sleeves or dangling from cuffs or ankles. Behind the new styling, with shiny neckties, the hats and long gloves with sleeveless tops, were Van Noten's strong individual pieces, especially sweaters with crunchy, argyle and lattice patterns. On tape, the bold red, yellow and sharp green looked strong against the mellow wood of a Paris library.

So sportswear was ont at the Paris shows? It seemed rather to be incorporated into luxurious modern clothes, so that Lanvin's collection was played out in pale colors and shiny fabrics to give light and shade to parkas, hooded sweat tops and sweaters that were tactile in their furry finishes and cable stitches.

Rykiel Homme was also strong on sweaters, striped in green and brown camouflage colors to go with the military feel of khaki parkas, leather coats and corduroy jackets, shown with woolly hats and rubber boots.

Nothing can stop menswear at the end of the century from being defined by athletic looks, but there is a sense of something different stirring among the international designers who congreg-

Armani Sport: Casual Klein $A \, New \, Label?$

ONDON - Giorgio Armani Sport. It has a nice ring to it - and that is the label under which the Italian designer is planning to group his active sportswear lines for skiing, golf and some jeanswear.
"I want to make the reality of the sports

clothes more evident," said Armani, who opened his fall/winter collection in Milan last month with red and black quilted parkas from the "Neve" or snow line. The sports influence permeated the show, where both the Emporio and Giorgio Armani couture lines were loosened up - casual tops with suits, side zippers at sweater necklines and easy knitwear with interesting stitch-craft.

The fahric research produced unexpected marriages of techno materials fused with cashmere and double-faced fabrics so light that the kneelength coats drifted like a breeze. Collars reduced to mini-size and the deliberate removal of extraneous details made elongated suits, snede jackets, bias-stitched sweaters and Asian-style evening jackets seem acrodynamic and modern.

Opens in Paris

International Herald Tribate ARIS — Liberty, utility, modernity — that is the creed of Calvin Klein as he opened a menswear store last week on Avenue Montaigne. After showing his fall collection in Milan, based on work and military clothes, the American designer will bring to Paris his flight jackets, pea coats and bomber jackets, in luxurious natural fabrics or

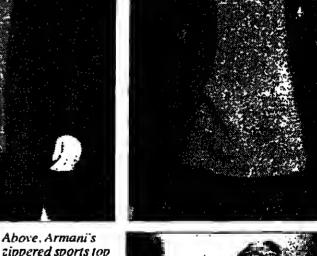
techno materials. "The best clothes are inspired by the cut of uniforms," said Klein, whose crisp cotton work shirts contrast with padded fleece track pants, sleek leather coats and soft washed fabrics that the designer said feel "worn and personal.

Bringing the silhouette closer to the body, but still with a square cut for the upper half. Klein focuses on casual case. "When I grew up in the 1950s, men were uptight about clothes," he said. Now they are no longer insecure about dressing the way they want.

Suzy Menkes







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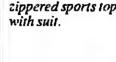
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Above right. Klein's pea coat and marled sweater.

Left, Armani's chevron-striped cashmere sweater.

Klein's square-cut leather coat.



Democracy for Chinese

With China's economic growth now faltering, Communist Party leaders are worried that the millions of remaining rural and urban poor could become a growing source of political unrest. In recent months there have been scattered, and occasionally violent, protests by workers and farmers angered by unpaid wages, onerous taxes and official cor-ruption. Instead of reflexively responding with repression, the government ought to follow the example of a brave township that has turned to democracy to give citizens a greater sense of control

over their lives. The collapse of Asian markets, bankruptcies of Chinese investment companies and the problems of stateowned industries have drastically slowed China's pace of urban job creation. That has all but exhausted the capacity of cities to absorb unemployed and impoverished rural residents who have poured by the millions into urban areas in the last decade. Managing the hundreds of millions of Chinese who have not yet seen the benefits of the economic growth may be the biggest challenge facing the party leadership.

A few weeks ago, some party leaders in Sichuan Province came up with an enlightened and creative response to this challenge, encouraging wider local democracy as a healthy outlet for popular discontent. They organized China's first democratic election for

township leader, in the Sichuan township of Buyan. This is a position with important decision-making responsibilities. Previously, only politically insignificant village offices had been put to competitive votes.

Voters chose among three candi-dates by secret ballot after listening to 1.3 public debates. As it turned out, the candidate backed by the Communist Party was elected. But even supporters of his defeated opponents are pleased, noting that the government now has more democratic legitimacy.

But the prospects for future township elections are unclear. Top leaders in Beijing oppose such experimentation, although perhaps not unanimously. The Legal Daily, an important national party newspaper, responded to the events in Buyun with an editorial that praised the spirit of local democracy but noted that township elections overstepped current Chinese law.

China's most important leader, President Jiang Zemin, has meanwhile been orchestrating the arrest of prominent democratic intellectuals and their sentencing to long prison terms. Suppressing dissent and a desire for greater democracy is a tyrant's answer in public discontent, but it is oot a viable long-term policy in a nation with rising economic and political expectations

and increasing disparities in wealth.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Intrigue in Amman tative and free of heavy repression.

The new arrangements made for his succession by King Hussein of Jordan ratchet up the political uncertainty in a corner of the Middle East long thought to be uncommonly stably ruled. Briefly interrupting a six-month stay for canc: r treatment at the Mayo Clinic, the king returned to replace his seasoned 51-year-old brother, Hassan, with his 36-year-old eldest son, Abdullah. The new 'crown prince,' a career army officer, heads the special forces, a key unit in the kingdom's key institution of the military: otherwise in politics and

policy he is regarded as untested. The current agitation arises first from the approaching end of King Hussein's 47-year reign. He has made major errors, among them the opening he gave Israel to seize the West Bank in 1967 and the support he reudered Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War of 1990-1991. But overall he has served well the purpose — bringing stability — for which the British first set up his family to rule. The military runs all the Arab regimes; Jordan's is poor and prey to corruption but relatively open, consul-

Jordan's prime asset is King Hussein. By his modest, shrewd and dignified personal style and by his mostly skillful handling of his demanding neighbors (Israel, Syria, Iraq) and amhivalent majority-Palestinian citizens, he has won the West's sympathy and respect. For decades a discreet interlocator of Israel, a country be needs for regional balancing, he made a formal peace in 1994.

Arah political society is abuzz with tales of the amhition and intrigne supposedly behind the dumping of one crown prince for another. The king himself fed the fire with sensational public charges of meddling and power grabbing against a brother who had served him as dutiful understudy for 34 years - and whose wife redecorated royal premises during the king's med-Ical leave. Having had four wives, five sons and six daughters, King Hussein is in no position to report that palace intrigue is over. Friends of his and Jordan's must wish him good health. — THE WASHINGTON POST.

George Washington

George Washington's death, on Dec. unguarded moment or some inherent 14, 1799, at age 67. If he seems older contradiction of character, of the kind than that in the late-life portraits, it is that Jefferson might be caught in. It was standard, when measured by the accumulation of notable events and actions. But he also seems older than chronology suggests by virtue of a historical illusion, which prevents every illustrious figure depicted in an era before photography from inhabtting the moment of his proper age.

You cannot see the true youth in Washington at 40, painted by Charles Willson Peale, nor the true age in Washington at 64, painted by Gilbert Stuart. Our kinship with the past is profound, but the past can be unimaginable. That is what makes an exhibition called "Treasures From Mount Vernon," on display at the New York Historical Society until Feb. 22, so moving.

Biography is always an act of in-ference, and Washington requires a linle more inferring than most subjects. Apotheosis, some say, has made him hard to know. But Americans have had a lot of opportunity to think about what it means to know a president recently, and that fact makes it easier to value what we do know about his character. Most of his life, from a very young age, was lived in public. As far as the historical evidence shows, the public and private man were never in conflict, except for his frequently stated longing for his forsaken home at Mount Vernon.

Washington is mone intelligible as a man with public and private vocations - statesman, general, farmer -- than as a man with public and private characters. Judging by his letters and the recollections of his contemporaries, to

This year marks the bicentennial of know him was not to catch him in some cations and to discover their consistency with the man, which is something we have been wondering how to prize.

'America has been almost amused out of her liberties," Washington once wrote. That is a striking sentence, and it would be interesting to know how it sounded in his own voice. The exhibition at the Historical Society is the next best thing - a distinctive garhering of Washington's possessions from Mount Vernon, some of which, like his suits of clothing, help us grasp the very modern size of this man.

Seeing his surveying tonls, his packbags and spurs, his swords, you can almost feel the tendency of the Washington myth -- composed mostly of Americans' ignorance — to exhaust the historical reality of the objects gathered here. But the reality of this man, elusive as it may be, cannot be insisted upon too much.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment **Unlearning Lawlessness**

Many societies do not have the cultural, social and political infrastructure a free economy requires. The most ohvious expression of this deficit is the large-scale lawlessness that prevails. For a people to be basically law-abiding requires a mentality, personality and culture that took the West centuries to evolve.

- Amitai Etzione, quoted in The Washington Post.

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Help With Miss The News Looks Good for Emerging Economies

CHICAGO — A series of micro-economic failures set the stage for the financial crisis in developing countries. Developments in these critical sectors, including bank regulation and corporate governance, will determine how emerging markets recover.

The good news is that policy initiatives in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe in the past 12 months have aimed at correcting the factors that caused the crisis. Many countries are opening up their

financial sectors to much higher levels of foreign investment than before. Argentina now has almost half of its banks' assets in foreign-controlled institutions. Estonia's two largest banks will soon be foreign-controlled. Thailand has only just begun the process of bank recapitalization, hut its financial sector will probably be at least half foreign-owed in three years. The same will probably be true of Indonesia.

Countries which restricted all forms of foreign investment, such as South Korea, are opening up to foreign capital

on an unprecedented scale.

Asia will never fully embrace the Anglo-Saxon model of capitalism, but the new emphasis on transparency and openness can only enhance the ability of shareholders to influence management decision-making.

Governments of many countries hit by the crisis are adopting sensible policies to help their corporate sectors cope with recession and the difficulties of obtaining access to the global capital market Singapore, for example, has carried out a large cost-critting program designed specifically to bolster corporate profits, while some of its government-linked companies have anBy David Hale

nounced rationalization programs to make themselves more efficient. South Korea has repealed many re-

strictive labor laws to enable firms to restore profitability by restructuring. South Africa is letting the Anglo American group domicile itself in London to get better access to global fi-nancial markets; and it is adhering to its declared policy of privatizing large state-owned enterprises, despite the re-

cent turmoil in financial markets. Developing countries with high interest rates and stable exchange levels are seeking new ways of discouraging their corporate sectors from overborrowing in dollars, as Asian companies did in the first half of the 1990s.

In another significant reform, many of those countries are trying to reduce their dependence on foreign capital inflows by promoting the development of pension funds. Ten years ago, Singapore and Malaysia were the only de-veloping countries with large pension funds. Chile followed in the late 1980s, and more recently Argentina, Mexico, Thailand, Hungary and Poland have moved in the same direction.

If this trend continues, there could be more stockholders in the developing countries than in the old industria countries. Such a development will encourage further growth of domestic savings, and debt and equity markets.

The increase in ownership of cor-porate equity by pension funds will create an important new shareholder constituency that will force managements to focus more attention on company profitability. In the past, Asian managements were typically accountable only to families, banks or governments.

China's equity market has grown from nothing in 1990 to more than \$250 billion today. However, many of its leading companies have had to use offshore listing in Hong Kong and New York to obtain capital because there are still exchange control restrictions on foreigners investing directly in the Shanghai or Shenzhen markets.

Chinese companies in the domestic market offer less protection for shareholders than the companies listed offshore. China will have to enhance the rights of minority shareholders at home as it develops a larger population of shareholders and investment institutions, such as pension funds.

The microeconomic reforms under way in developing countries will take several years to become fully effective. Concepts such as foreclosure and bankruptcy are still much less developed in the legal systems of Thailand, Indonesia and other developing economies than in countries which were formerly part of the British Empire, like Singa-pore and Malaysia. But the trend of the reforms triggered by the crisis is clear.

There will be far more convergence

in standards of corporate disclosure, systems of financial supervision and legal definitions of property rights between the developing countries and the industrial nations than existed before. Such reforms cannot guarantee that

the developing countries will never again experience a hanking crisis, but they will greatly lessen the risk of a recurrence of the recent financial contagion. The effort of the Group of Seven leading industrial economies to turn the IMF into more of a crisis prevention

last resort during crises, should help to ensure that the structural reforms now occurring continue.

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There is always a risk that some countries will try to withdraw from the international system rather than reform, but so far only Makaysia has embarked on a clearly isolationist policy. The fact that its currency has not shared in the recent rally of other Asian currencies suggests that it is unlikely to attract many imitators. On the contrary, countries that have long restricted capital inflows through special. penalties, such as Chile, have recently, eased those barriers.

ased those barriers.
As a result of the price declines in the past year, the emerging market coun-tries now account for only about 6 percent of global stock market capitalization, despite the fact that they represent 45 percent of global output, 70 percent of the world's land area, 85 percent of the world's population, and 99 percent of of projected growth in the global labor, force during the early decades of the 21st century. Such an imbalance cannot last if those countries carry out effective." microeconomic reforms.

The odds are high that the current crisis is a historic turning point. It will probably be seen as the event which laid the foundation for much stronger systerns of financial supervision and pro-tection of shareholder rights than existed before in the developing countries.

The writer is global strategist for the Zurich financial services group in Chicago. This comment was adapted by the International Herald Tribune from the latest issue of his Global Economic Observer.

Punish the Murderers? It Isn't as Clear-Cut as It Seems:

EW YORK — The laws of war, spelled ont in the Hague and Geneva conventions, impose limits and restrictions. So do the constitutions and statutes of countries, which also impose pen-alties. But these are ineffective

in restraining or punishing a murderous government. Individuals in government are legally shielded in their official performance, while govern-ments themselves cannot be sned without their consent. Is nobody to be held responsible for a country's

crimes? Do governments have

a permit? In this century of mass murders, a body of opinion has come into being that will not accept the validity of licenses to kill. When buman rights violations are exceptionally vicious, when crimes against humanity are committed, when there is aggression or massacre or genocide, we question the immunity both of the individuals who gave the orders and of those

The Nuremberg judgments were a landmark, but they gave rise to concerns that are still with ns. The Nazi war criminals who were on trial there were guilty, but Soviet representatives were among those sitting in judgment, and Stalin was guilty of many of the same deeds as Hitler and on a similar scale.

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reported 50 dead.

By David Fromkin

A trial in which the accusers, prosecutors and judges were on one side, the accused on the other, was inherently flawed. Only if the vanquished could have convicted the victors as well would the Nuremberg proceedings have expressed our ense of due process.

It is not at all clear what we should think, for example, of war crimes trials in the former Yugoslavia, If atrocities were committed by 100,000 people, to pick a figure at random, and if in the end 100 were brought to trial and imprisoned, would it be a step forward, because a few of the guilty were brought to justice, or would it be a fiasco, because almost all of the guilty went free?

The Khmer Ronge leaders who ruled Cambodia in the 1970s were responsible for the deaths of more than a million people. What about the Khmer Rouge functionaries accused of having been members of the have acted in fear for their own lives? Are they guilty none-theless? And if tens of thousands of these people are guilty, how as a practical matter can so large a number be tried and

punished? In Cambodia, at least, there are no distracting questions of in Cambodia jurisdiction. The crimes were is improper.

More Civilian Victims Than Ever

committed in Cambodia by Cambodians against Cambodians. The Cambodian government and courts have the right to deal with them as they see fit.

Questions of jurisdiction continue to vex proceedings in the British House of Lords, where the question of the responsibility of Augusto Pinochet for the actions of his regime in Chile is entangled in

Terrible things were done in the Pinochet years. For those who fear a return to the dark days if he is harmed, it is a reason for leaving him alone. The editor of a Cambodian

munity and of the forum in

which the case should be tried.

newspaper recently wrote an article on the Khmer Rouge that made a similar argument. To safeguard the living, he wrote, prior questions of sovereign im-

faced with questions not only of law and morals but also of politics. The welfare of the people ntay take priority over other considerations. So should murderers be pun-

ished? The answer is much less clear than one might think.

The writer, author of "The Way of the World: From the Dawn of Civilizations to the Eve of the Twenty-First Century," contributed this copi-"it is better not to find justice for the dead." In dealing with the Khmer Rouge, Cambodia is

Eve of the Twenty-First Center tury." contributed this copil ment to The New York Times.

Cambodia's Past Is Its Own Business

By Adam Garfinkle

Genocide, properly under-

WASHINGTON — That international tribunals exist to deal with the great uglinesses of Rwanda and Bosnia means to many that there is nothing odd about a replication for Cambodia. But the U.S. government's decision to seek

nia Muslims all against one another. The atrocities of Cambodia represented instead a nearly pure political and ideological madness, not an ethnic or religious one. For this reason, "genocide" to what happened in Cambodia from 1974 to 1979

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whether different on ethnic or such a tribunal is odd.

The horrors of Rwanda pitted
Hntu against Tutsi, and those of

Teligious grounds. If there was a genocide in Cambodia, it was a sui-genocide, a phenomenon stewards of U.S. foreign policy. any level only in Communist countries — Cambodia, China and the Soviet Union. This is the truest measure of

the sickness that was Leninism: that it amounted to mass political cannibalism. It was the fullest expression of the socialist idea based on envy and demands, which demands endless social leveling to sate that envy. Leninism militarized this basic impulse, and the Maoism evident in Cambodia ruralized it.

The phenomenon of Communist revolutions eating their own is simply Cain killing Abel over and over again. And what business is the fate

of two aged and defeated killers. Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea, to the U.S. government? Who gave the sitting U.S. administration a right to insist on legal proceedings with respect to another sovereign state?

To presume such a right is consistent with much recent American pontificating. The U.S. government sounds these days like the mother-in-law of the world, with an opinion and point of view about everything. Has no one in the upper reaches of the Clinton administration ever heard Bismarck's counsel that it is "unworthy of a great state to dispute over something which does not concern its own, interests"

This is not just bad diplomatic etiquette. It reflects an attitude defining the U.S. administration's delusions of historical grandeur - namely shat; we live in "the American mo-

nign, transformative marriage; of American power and values in the world as a whole. America has become not only, the "indispensable nation," as the secretary of state puts it. but also, in its own eyes at least a power so uniquely benign that it arrogates to itself the right both to make the rules of international order and to excuse itself

from being bound by them. Thus has evolved a double standard wherein Americans find it natural to insinuate them: selves into the affairs of others but cannot imagine others doing the same in theirs.

Implicit in the proposal for an international tribunal to deal with Cambodia's historical travails is the assumption that Cambodians are incapable of conducting their affairs. Not only is this assumption untrue. it is destructive.

For years. Cambodia's prob lems have been compounded by its factions trying to trick and tease foreigners into coming to their exclusive aid. To continue: this practice is to further infantilize Cambodian politics.

The writer, executive editor... of the quarterly National Interest, contributed this comment to the Los Angeles Times

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO:

1899: Canal Bidding WASHINGTON - The

Panama Canal Company will offer to sell to the United States the controlling interest in their waterway. If the offer is not accepted, the company will close the pending deal, whereby the Panama Canal will pass into the exclusive control of Russia. France, Germany and Austria. Arrangements to this effect have already been made.

1924: Dramatic Riot PARIS - A riot broke out at the

Comédie-Française during the much-discussed drama "Le Tombeau sous l'Arc de Tri-omphe." There were roars of protest, yelling and whistling. The Balcony shook its fists at the loge and the loges waved their fingers before each other's noses in violent discussion. And what was it all about? A son's defiance of the traditional French

respect for paternal authority. Even when the father and son were reunited, the audience was hardly ready to accept the reconciliation. A bedroom scene at the Cornédie-Française fails, to shock them, free love the accept easily, but this last is "an-archy," as one old man yelled.

1949: Korean Clash

SEOUL — Fighting is going on between several hundred North Korean Army troops and the South Korean Army and police forces near the 38th parallel, the. border separating the two sides. according to press reports. The reports said the North Korcans reached the outskirts of Chong Dan, a city three miles south of the parallel in American-occidpied South Korea. The North Korean troops were said to be using mortars. Officials in Chong Dan asked that reinforcements be sent to the area immediately.

This flashed into my mind the other day when Iraqis alleged that II civilians were killed and dozens injured in a U.S. missile attack near Basra. Americans confirmed that a video-guided missile fired at when, as in the Gulf War, you

with the mission.

WASHINGTON — February 1970 on the Sucz astray. The missile was one of Canal: Egypt and Israel had called off their "war of atthe hot new AGM-130s designed to allow U.S. warplanes to deliver a ton of explosives greater distances and with greater precision.

denly word came that the Israelis had struck. The Egyptians, smart, diverted the hus. No doubt the weaponry is much improved in three de-In a ramshackle, transparcades. But I doubt that the ently civilian town called Abu improvements can anticipate Zabal we saw a bombed out and separate ont all the difmetal-rod factory - everyferent kinds of accidents that thing broken and tipped over. are possible in the strategic At a nearby hospital, survivors shrieked in mourning of a alphabet. It troubled me then,

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

and it troubles me now. The reigning image of contemporary warfare borrows heavily from the Gulf War At first, according to the Egyptians, the Israelis de-scribed the target hit as an photos of missiles disappear-"army camp," later conced-ing "navigational error." ing down air vents. But the irreducible reality remains the In a few days I interviewed prospect of misfires oo acthe Israeli chief of intelligence count of the frailties of de-

signers and operators alike. Moreover, some number of those misfires are bound to come at the expense of friend-lies, not enemies. The days of machines fighting machines, practically without human

and fields. It was indeed a contacts or casualties, are still a long way off. When the wrong targets get navigational error. Except that at 500 miles (800 kilometers) an hour at an hit, people worry that the other altitude of 300 feet (90 meguys, here the Iraqis, will be given a propaganda windfall. A countering effort is made to ters), such stunts, even when done by Israel's vaunted Phantom pilots, were less ershift the onus for such casrors than the predictable renaities to the Iraqis for sprinksults of the chosen battle mode ling military targets in civilian of high challenge and stress. zones. This may be a valid Civilian damage and death go political exercise, but there can

> sort of propaganda war. The actual victims of the shooting cannot be brought back. Dual-usage targets sharpen the dilemma, for instance

be no comfort for Americans

in waging or even winning this

hit the electric power stations serving not only military usages but also civilian usages, such as public water and sanitation facilities.

That the resulting civilian casualties were and continue to be extravagantly high by American standards cannot be dismissed as simply the product of the cynicism of Saddam Hussein. It was American bombs and missiles that were the instruments of the toll.

In such difficult circumstances, a certain calculus must be done weighing the costs of permitting Saddam Hussein to stay in power unperturbed and the costs of doing what is nec-essary to hasten his departure. It is a contest between the damage be has done and yet may do and the damage that outsiders may do in attempting to contain or remove him.

Not just a sense of urgency but a sense of proportion must govern such calculations. There must be a readiness to address the question of one's own responsibility in a way that produces neither rampant license nor stifling paralysis.

The Geneva codes are meant to protect, among others, innocent civilian populations. But a glance around the world reveals instance after instance where civilians are at massive risk --- where they are in fact singled out as targets because they occupy land or property that others covet, or provide the network of sanctuary and support that allows soldiers to move to battle.

Our fading century has surely seen more fearful innocents dead or on the move from danger than any other. And it is not over.

The Washington Post

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Yavlinky Thinks Russia Could Help With Missiles Could Help With Missiles

By William Safire

ister Yevgeni Prinakov toki a little joke about sing forced to accept demants be disclosed next week by the International Monetary Fund.

"A man is inded a letter from his wife," he sid at the World Economic Ford. "He opens it and the page is lank. 'How can that be?' he issaed. 'It's all right,' he replies. 'We on't talk.' "

dide had beget Al Goze to lean on the IMF forepayment delay and new loan and was turned down for goodsson: The former spymaster hasto economic plan to deal with organizal corruption beyond "optizing the prison population."

But if Risia gos under, 30,000 nucler missile and the strendists an engineer behind them go on se. The nation is not "too big to fil" (its population is smaller than indonesa's and is stumping to and half that of the United State), but the albut from its collapse ould be dinferous.

The usual cast of pompus Russian reforms and Yelsi bureaucrats who sed to pane around this Alpin conclave absent. Now, a skileton crev o Mr. Priakov's binkers write heir hands about deviluation and/lefault, in contrast o the sing longtime voice of opposition whethe plan and self-confidence dum Russia around: Grigori Yaujsky.

The economist a former pugilist, 47, is the is democratic reformer left standy. That is because he ignored3ris Yeltsin's seductive revolvigiloor and instead built a grasrots party. In December's paramentary elec-tions, his Yablok prty will grow; and running for redent in 2000, he will at least t logmaker. Western Kımmologists no

longer hoot in crition when I say that they saw aloko make possible Mr. Priraby's temporary ascension, Mrt/vlinsky insists it was the only by to ensure free elections after. Yeltsin, but the wer-hungr/fr. Primakov may Vave other id-

Mr. Yaviky preaches the need for "Igh love" to top American mals, to get Wash-ington to aspe Russia's IMF repayments wout new IMF cash nfusions. Tegain the confidence

AVOS, Suizrland — With of investors, he seeks new ways to re-instill Russian self-confidence.

The far call Man Russian inflation running at the far call Man Russian inflation running at the model on the far call Man Russian self-confidence. missile defense. President Bill Clinton, after six years of pooh-

poohing a shield against rogue-state missiles, suddenly reversed field lest he be blamed for vulnerability to germ blackmail. But Russians do not want to change the old Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty that kept each superpower defenseless against the other.

Mr. Yavlinsky comes at it creatively: "America has a right to missile defense against terrorism. as does Europe, of which Russia is a part." He proposes a nonstrategic massile defense in cooperation with NATO, capable of shooting down fewer than 100 missiles, thereby providing an umbrella against terrorist attack without destabilizing the Russian-Ameri-can standoff. That would finesse the impasse and ease ratification of START-2's reductions.

Russian pride would thus be salved and money saved, but I see other motives: It would provide paying work for thousands of talented Russian technologists now looking hungrily toward han and Iraq, and would lessen the pressure for sales of missile and nuclear plants to states already taking advantage of Russian desperation. Does Russia have anything to

offer in missile defense? Using a handy-dandy cell phone, I called Andrei Piontkovsky in Moscow, director of the Academy of Science's strategic studies, to ask what Russia had on the shelf to shoot down missiles. "The S-300," he replied

promptly, as if I were a customer, two years more advanced than your Patriots." That is dubious; he could not point to a single successful test of that missile against missiles. Still, Russians have long been adept at making long-range nukes and might bring expertise to the anti-missile table. Rather than punish Russia for

dealing with Iran, the West, Mr. Yavlinsky urges, should cooperate with Russia to keep its scientists, know-how and products at home. Worth discussing. As President Clinton belatedly dumps his resistance to missile defense, Washington can usefully explore with NATO and Moscow ways to stop incoming terrorist missiles. The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Kurdish Problem

Regarding the editorial "The Kurdish Question" (Jan. 26): Efforts by Abdullah Ocalan, the leader of the Kurdish Workers Party, or PKK, to internationalize the Kurdish question should be resisted. Despite his disavowal of the PKK, Mr. Ocalan is not a suitable peace negotiator. He cannot reinvent himself nor can the PKK transform from a terrorist

Though Turkey has a right to protect itself against terrorism, it has gone overboard by prohibiting Kurdish cultural and political expression. Policies also have had the unintended consequence of radicalizing Turkish citizens of Kurdish origin and increasing

grass-roots support for the PKK.
Political reform in Turkey, including steps to democratize and decentralize authority, would serve the interests of Turkish citizens and address the Kurdish question in particular. The rule of law would be strengthened if Mr. Ocalan were tried in accordance with international standards. DAVID L. PHILLIPS.

The writer is executive director of the International Conflict Resolution Program at Columbia

An Editor's Dismissal

accurate and complete. organization into a democratic Provided that a submitted political movement overnight,

New York.

Regarding the report "Medical Association Dismisses Editor of Research Journal" (Jan. 18): As the editor for 27 years of the science journal Archives of Sexual Behavior: An Interdisciplinary Research Journal, I am appalled by the dismissal of the editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, if the reporting is

scholarly paper undergoes the peer review practice set by the journal to which it is submitted and is accepted for publication, an editor has the prerogative of more speedily publishing some papers than others. As editor, I have not mechanically placed each article in a publication queue. There are articles which for timeliness or scientific interest are judged suit-

able for queue-jumping.

The other cited criticism of the editor, that he "nettled many in the medical community" by publishing "controversial" articles, is not only a chilling attack on the First Amendment, but surely not the manner in which to foster medical debate. With such a policy, looking back over some of the articles on human sexuality I have helped publish since 1971, I would have been long gone by now.

RICHARD GREEN, M.D. Los Angeles.

Dissent at Dayos

In response to the report "No Dissent, if You Please" (Feb. 1) by Anne Swardson: Dissent not only is "not appreciated" in Davos; it also is edited out. I worked there in 1996 for the World Economic Forum as a communiqué writer. Among several instances of censorship. one in particular that I recall involved a session on "information

> Intelligence Agency and a number of other American officials. During the question-and-answer period, people began inquiring why everyone on the panel was American. The answer, "We couldn't find anyone else who knew anything," did not sit well with the audience. The phrase "I was available" rose like a chorus from some very, very impressive audience members.

warfare." The panelists were a

former head of the U.S. Central

The entire 15-minute exchange was excised from the communiqué that I wrote.

There is a very impressive choreography to the Davos meeting, and your readers would do well to remember that it is a private, publicity-seeking, for-profit event. What positive elements do emerge are a result of the meeting, not its purpose. DEREK MILLER

Computers, Kids and Dogs Led the Off-Field Ad Blitz

By Tom Shales

Bowl on Sunday night, with commercials for cyber-stuff and Internet-related companies taking top honors as the brightest spots. As a football game, Super Bowl

have been called the Mediocre MEANWHILE

XXXIII, which aired on the Fox

network, could more accurately

Bowl (Atlanta lost to Denver, 34 to 19), but as always the seemingly interminable telecast provided a showcase for the flashiest and splashiest in new commercials.

Sponsors paid up to \$1.6 million for 30 seconds' worth of air time in what is always one of the television year's biggest blowouts.
"I want to claw my way to

middle management, a child in one commercial. "I want to be forced into early retirement, said another. The kids, speaking into the camera, were making an ironic point about future jobs on behalf of Monster.com, a small Internet employment agency hop-ing to make a big splash with its first Super Bowl ad.

Filmed in hlack-and-white, the spot made an impression both powerful and delightful. In its premise it recalled a sequence from Woody Allen's film "Annie Hall" in which schoolehildren stood at their desks and accurately predicted what their adult lives would be like. It was eye-catching and even had a certain poignancy.

Even the eagerly awaited commercial for Victoria's Secret, that nationally naughty lingerie chain, had as much to do with eyberspace as with underwear, It advised computer-users to log on for a Victoria's Secret Internet fashion show 72 hours hence, Fox ran a "crawl" at the bottom

of the screen inviting those particularly fascinated with the Super Bowl to visit the network's Web site. But wouldn't those interested in the Super Bowl be more likely to watch the actual game? In the new virtual universe, maybe not.

One of pop culture's most famous computers starred in another ad. It was HAL 9000 from Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey." All viewers saw was Hal's mesmerizing red and yellow electronie eye making a visit from the future, while in dul-

WASHINGTON — Com- cet tones the computer fessed up puters crashed the Super to having made a bungle of the transition from 1999 to 2000.

"You like your Macintosh better than me, don't you, Dave?" the machine implored. The ad was from Apple Computer, which has a history of making talked-about Super Bowl commercials. This one was a pip.

Far less impressive was an appearance by another machine-made film star, E. T., from "E. T., The Extra-Terrestrial." Steven Spielberg foolishly let the Progressive Auto Insurance Co. use the character for a couple of undistinguished ads that aired during halftime. One of them did lead seamlessly into the spectacular show on the field, which starred Stevie Wonder and Gloria Estefan. It was loud, gloriously vulgar and traly toe-tapping, a bodacious hlitz that was impossible to resist.

As usual, some ads used comedy to great advantage while others relied on special effects. Mastercard offered a live-action comedy spot in the second half; a Buckingham Palace guard is out of uniform because his dry cleaner would not accept his credit card, or something. In a bit of action un-thinkable in commercials that aired during the first 10 or 20 Super Bowls, a dog urinated on the

man's leg during the spot. A car leaping from one rooftop to another was a visual wow, but what did that have to do with Mountain Dew, the beverage being hawked? First Union bank laboriously constructed a "financial mountain" out of giant buildings in the most overproduced and undereffective spot of the evening. Budweiser and its various beers

were the most inescapable advertisers. It used everything from those tired old animated frogs to real live cute Dalmatian puppies to peddle the brew. In one "dignified" ad, a company executive appeared onscreen to remark that Prohibition was a bad period for the brewery. No! What a shocker!

On ABC's "World News Tonight" last week, anchor Peter Jennings said that 7 percent of those who watch the Super Bowl tune in primarily to see the commercials. Did they go to bed happy? Cheerful, maybe, but not delirious. This year's crop of Bowlspiels seemed semisuper at best.

Washington Post Writers Group.

BOOKS

DIVININROD Byddichaenight. 196 pages.:

\$25.95. Don:

Roviewby Carolyn Banks THE ggest bang in Michael Knigs first novel, "Divining Rod;" if the opening sentence: "Sam

Horiada was sixty-three years old which habbed a snub-nosed 38 repulled trigger." What follows is the wify ofe murder, a wonderful telling, from Jous characters' viewpoints, of Hives of Holladay and his victim came such a pass.

frin odd and touching novel, unag, cumulative in effect. The books set in Sherwood, Alabama, alon speaking Fines Road, where Simost young lawyer, has returned to the hon of his parents, seven years de-The place has long stood empty, crad The place was long seed Simon's chilhood, right down to the next-door respembers nowing, the man who this him history in the 11th grade, the in who is going to kill him. Simon's house has a swimming pool,

ers Delia, San Holladay's wife, 20 gars younger than he, comes over to do ins eventually pecipitating the number. So with the novel's most tened event already covered and

before our eyes! what is there for us to savor? Plenty. There's Knight's writing, for one: understated, graceful, easy. At the same time, he is no stranger to the Southern Gothic tradition, which is to say he peoples his novel with characters whose eccentricities, at once coinic and sad, are accepted and everyday."

Chief among these is Betty Fowler. an old woman who appears on the golf course night and day, divining rod in hand, searching for the gold her late husband is said to have buried. She teaches Simon about divination and he teaches her - at her request - foul language. She is lonely and he is kind, and it is largely their relationship that makes Simon into a man we mourn. Knight draws all of his characters

with such sympathy that we don't blame any of them. We just watch them surrendering to what Betty has described as 'a tremor, a hidden pulse, like a memory of magnetic attraction." The novel is filled with overlaps and patterns and portents and ironies, large and small. It doesn't buckle under their weight because of its enormous charm - Simon, for instance, listening to the voices of lady golfers as they play, or explaining his feelings for Delia as an "excess of capacity in the heart."

Delia herself, the daughter of a man who played piano at a Ramada Inn and a woman who cleaned houses not unlike the one Delia shares with Sam, has the the why of it being played out right same absence of guile. Here she is,

pointing out the constellations to a child. That's Fatty the Magic Pig. And the next one to the right is Smokey the Bear. He's the fire guy."

Delia loves her husband, but her life with him is too settled. Indeed, she thinks of the time before she was married as "when her life was still her own." She craves a "tingling at the base of her spine," and one night, in bed, she tells Sam what is missing, sort of, only to find him "flopped over on his back, his chest lifting and sagging heavily with sleep." It's after that the affair with Simon begins.

If it is just an affair. Delia and Simon share more than Delia and Sam can, and vet it is Sam that Delia chooses. We hear it from Simon. "She said she wasn't going to tell Sam about us. She believed that things could go back to the way they were before. I promised her that I wouldn't try to change her mind. It was as if we were acting out a scene from a movie, some English film where all the characters are very modern and polite and everyone understood wby people did the things they do." Knight has done what the diviners he

has created have urged: 'Follow your blood. Your bones know things that you don't know." The result? Every word in this deeply resonant novel is gold.

Carolyn Banks, author of a number of suspense novels, wrote this for The Washington Post.

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INVITATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO ASSUME THE MANAGEMENT OF OLYMPIC AIRWAYS S.A.

UNDER A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Within the framework of Greek Privatisation Law 2000/1991 and the decision dated 29 January 1999 by the Interministerial Committee for Privatisation of the Hellenic Republic (-(CP-), Salomon Brothers international Limited (-Salomon Smith Barney-) and the National Investment Bank for Industrial Development S.A. (-ETEBA-), hereinalter jointly referred to as the Advisors, have been authorised to seek, acting on behalf of and as exclusive financial advisors to the Greek State, a substyly qualified Management Contractor to assume the management of Olympic Atways S.A. (-OA- or the -Company-), under a Management Contract (-Management Contract- or the -Management Cont

As a minimum requirement, in order to be considered for the Mandate, Interested Parties should be companies specialising in the provision of services in the area of extine management, or should be an atriine of sufficient size, with the relevant experience, resources and qualified executive personnel. All interested Parties must be financially sound and credible within the context of the size and scope of the Mandate. Olympic Alrways S.A.

OA is the national carrier of Greece. It was founded in 1956 and its sole shareholder is currently the Greek State. The Company's principal activity is the provision of scheduled air transportation services for passengers and cargo, both domestically (mainly through its subsidiary Olympic Aviation S.A.) and internationally. OA also provides ground handling services to airlines at airports in Greece and operates a full service maintenance tacility at Hellenton Airport in Athens. In addition, OA has subsidiary companies which are active in the provision of charter airline services (Macedonian Airlines S.A.), catering (Olympic Catering S.A.), the operation of reservation and distribution systems (Gailleo Hellas S.A.), travel and tourism (Olympic Touristiid S.A. and Olympic Air Cruises Ltd). The Company's international network covers destinations in Europe, North America, Asia, the Middle/Near East and Africa. The domestic network includes trunk routes on the mainland and an extensive Island network. OA's fleet (including its subsidiaries) consists of 52 aircraft (Boeing 747, 737, 727, Airbus

The Company is implementing a Restructuring and Recapitalisation Plan which was approved by the European Commission in July 1998. It is also preparing to move its base from Hellenikon Airport to the new Athens International Airport at Spata.

The overriding purpose of the Management Contract is the Implementation of the Company's Restructuring Plan, after an initial objective essessment and, if required, further development of the Restructuring Plan on the basis of the Management Contractors' expertise, The Management Contract is inteded to turn around the operating and financial performance of the Company in order that it is profitable and to ensure its long term viability according to private sector criteria. The Management Contractor will also undertake the necessary steps that will enable the Company to enter into the most suitable international strategic

The Mandate will require the employment of a number of top level executives, whom the Management Contractor should be able to supply on signature of the Management Contract. The Management Contract or should also be in a position to support the Company and its executives with appropriate management systems and with other specialised personnel, if such support is required. The Management Contract will be awarded for a defined period of time, indicatively

in order to be considered for short-listing, interested Parties should automit an Expression of Interest which includes: I) A description of their business activities, corporate and ownership structure and recent financial performance;

Details of relevant corporate qualifications and credentials to undertake such a Mandate;

iii) A description of their access to suitably qualified and experienced personnel to undertake the Mandate;

by A description of any experience and credentials within the Greek marketplace. it should be noted that consideration will be given to Expressions of interest from both single corporate entities and associations of companies formed for

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the following address by 19:00 Greenwich Mean Time on 12 February 1999 and labeled as follows:

Expression of interest for the Assignment of a Contract Pertaining to the Management of Olympic Airways S.A. Salomon Brothers International Limited

Victroria Plaza 111 Buckingham Palace Road London SW1W OSB England Attention: Mr Simon Hirst, Director

Summary Description of Process for Agranting the Management Contract

From the Expressions of Interest submitted, a short-list will be formed from those interested Parties who meet the minimum requirements of the Mandale in respect of their general and specific qualifications, as well as their linancial soundness. The short-listed Parties will receive, after first signing a Confidentiality Agreement, a detailed Request for Binding Proposels which will include confidential information along with details concerning the timetable for selection, as well as a draft Management Contract. After the submission of the Binding Proposals by the short-listed Bidders there will be a short period of clarifications and interviews. The Management Contract will be negotiated and finalised with the Professed Bidder.

The Greek State and the Advisors reserve the right to change the terms of this invitation, including the timetable and process of awarding the Management Contract, if deemed necessary and under the condition that prior notice is given to all participants in this process. The Greek State reserves the right to around this process if it deems the overall result to be unsatisfactory. Interested Parties acquire no rights, claims or entitlements for compensation by the Grack State, Olympic Aliways and/or the Advisors for any reason or cause

This invitation has been drafted in the Greek language and translated into English, and in any event the Greek text prevails. Interested Parties should address all enquiries to;

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CHESS

... By Rober Byrne

WHEN a chess opining undergoes a rehabilization, may resemble its earlies version on thoutside while expressing an entirely different strategic motivation undernesh. The moves that once introduced a suctural battle featuring pawn play will now be used to create an open posion where the main concern is slam-bag piece play. One advantage of this binabout is that you will encounter opponents who expect the past instead of sw insights. In the game between a former United

States champion, oel Benjamin, and Tal Shaked, the newest American grandmaster, from the fourth round of the 1988 United lates Championship, White creates a pr-de-force of innovation in an old octuing that he is lately

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The Rossolimo Variation of the Si-

cilian Defense, 3 Bb5, has long been known as the embodiment of effete positionalism, but nowadays many players are infusing it with exciting, unpredictable tactics

After preventing doubled pawns with 4... Nge7, Shaked at once switched strategy with 5... Ng6, placing the knight where, on 6 Bc6 bc 7 e5, he could exert strong pressure in the center with 7 ... fb. And Benjamin, in playing 6 c3, aimed for a classical center with 7 d4.

Shaked should have played either 6 .. a6 or 6 ... Be7, but he played 6 ... d5?!, underestimating, or not even imagining, Benjamin's novel 7 Qa4!, which caused Black to lose a tempo by 7 ... Qd6 8 ed On 9 d4, it would have been dan-

cd Qd5 13 Nc3 Qd6 14 Bg5 O-O 15 Radi Qc7 16 Nd5 is crushing. Benjamin's sharp 12 h4! gave Shaked the greatest difficulties; 12 . . . Nh4? loses a piece to 13 Nh4 Bh4 14 d51: 12 O-O 13 h5 Nh8 14 d5! ed 15 Bf4 Qd8 16 Rad1 Be6 17 Bc4 recovers the sac-

Bf4 Qc5 16 Rad1 Bc6 17 Nd5! Bd518

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gerous for Shaked to develop with 9... Be7?! because 10 c4 Qd6 11 d5! ed 12 But after 12 . . . Bd7 13 b5 Nf8, Benjamin blasted open key lines in the center with 14 d51 If 14 . . . ed, then 15

After 15...a6 16 Bd7 Nd7, Benjamin landed a powerful blow with 17 Nf7! Kf7 18 de Kf8 19 ed, winning a pawn and exposing the black king.
Shaked's 19...Rd8 was destroyed by

On 15 Ne5, Shaked could not capture

with 15 . . . Nd5 because 16 Nd5 ed 17

Benjamin's 20 Bg5! Bg5 21 Re8 Kf7 22 Qb3 Nd5 23 Rh8 Rh8 24 Nd5. After 24...Qd7, Benjamin ended the struggle with 25 Ne7 Kf6 26 Qf3. In view of 26 . . . Ke7 27 Re1 Kd8 28 Ne6

Kc8 29 Ng5, Shaked gave up.



Position after 19 ... RdS

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AXA Wins Bidding for U.K. Insurer

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispolches

LONDON - AXA SA strengthened its hand in Europe on Monday by win-ning the takeover fight for the British composite insurer Guardian Royal Ex-change PLC for £3.45 billion (\$5.67 billion).

AXA ontbid Royal Sun Alliance and Bareko, a grouping of seven European insurance companies. Chairman Clande Bebear said the acquisition would complement AXA's strategy of takeovers around the world. AXA has spent \$14 billion over five years buying compa-nies that handle life and casualty insurance, mutual funds and pensions.

"It's like a supertanker under full steam," said Laurent Imbert, a fund manager at Ofima Gestion. "Once it's under way, it's very difficult to stop or

position to go on buying."

AXA will buy Guardian Royal through its British arm, Sun Life & Provincial Holdings PLC, in which it holds a 71.6 percent stake. Guardian Royal shareholders will receive 249 pence and 0.243 new Sun Life shares for each share they hold, valuing the stock af about 389 pence.

AXA said the deal would make Sun Life the third-biggest general insurer in Britain and the biggest in Ireland.

"Sun Life plans to sell Guardian Roy-'al's U.S. business to Liberty Mutual insurance Co. for \$1.47 billion while passing on its German operations to AXA Colonia for 1.66 billion Deutsche marks (\$964.6 million).

Shares in Sun Life fell 59 pence to close at 530, and AXA shares feil 1.20 euros to 126.60 (\$144.12). Analysts said AXA had paid too much for Guardian Royal. "The price is over the top," said Chris Hitchings of Commerzbank, adding that the British insurer's domestic business "is very poor quality."

Sun Life said the deal would enhance

earnings this year, and AXA forecast it would dilute its earnings slightly this year "and add to earnings starting in 2001:

The companies said some jobs would be cut. "It would be measured in hundreds rather than thousands," Sun Life's chief executive, Mark Wood, said. Guardian Royal has 17,500 employ-tes worldwide, 9,000 of them in Bri-

(Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg)

Music Firms in a Fret

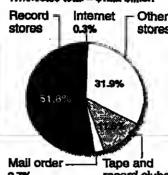


Recordings by the guitarist Billy Squier, left, can be received on the Web. Howard Singer of A2B Music, right, says the client base is growing.

Music Channels

Sales of music over the Internet still make up a tiny fraction of all music sales, but that is expected to change in the next few years.

1997 MUSIC SALES BREAKDOWN Wholesale total = \$12.2 billion



record clubs Source: Audit Bureau of Circulation

Free Songs on Web: Beat Gets Louder

By Jon Pareles
New York Times Service

NEW YORK - For the music business, it was a harbinger. A Scottish rock band, the Jesus and Mary Chain, played during last summer's Intel New York Music Festival, and two hours later their live performance of "Vir-tually Unreal" was on the Internet for the group's fans worldwide to download and listen to on their computers.

Commercially speaking, it was small potatoes: a technology demonstration by an alternative-rock band with a devoted following but not a mass public. Yet the uploading of "Virtually Unreal" presaged a day when most recorded music would be available as digital information, distributed not on discs and tapes that have to be manufactured and shipped but as data files that can be sent in-

stantly across the Internet. The Jesus and Mary Chain gained valuable publicity from their World Wide Web demo. But, equally significantly, the band and its label, Sub Pop Records, received not a dime from the thousands of fans who grabbed the song off the Internet.

Easing the Search

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Even as the recording industry struggles to cope with on-line music distribution, the public is finding it increasingly easy to search for digitally retrievable songs, both licensed and unlicensed.

Lycos Inc., a popular Internet search service, introduced Mon-day a vast database of a halfmillion files available for downloading in the MP3 format.

This new data base, at mp3 lycos.com, is a highly focused search engine that will scour the World Wide Web for sites with MP3 files, the company said.

That shows why the record industry is worried: It is easy to give music away on the Internet. In fact, thousands of songs now circulate freely in a technical format known as MP3, an easy way to swap recordings, authorized and unauthorized, as computer

files on-line. The question now facing the music business is how to sell re-cordings as profitable pieces of data. The \$12 billion-a-year recording industry is trying to catch up to the Internet era. Just before Christmas, the major companies announced what they wanted under their trees for the 1999 holiday season: a uniform industrywide standard for digital distribution of music. This month, a task force of recording companies, software programmers and consumer electronics makers intends to begin work on music's version of the "Star Wars" missile defense program.

The project, named the Secure Digital Music Initiative, aims to make recordings available as pure digital information while letting only the copyright owners choose how the information can be disconsinuted. formation can be disseminated.

It would be, in other words, an attempt by the major recording labels to stake out retail territory in the one part of the music business they do not control, even as their power is being challenged on the Internet by home-recorded musicians, independent la-

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Brazil's Currency Gains As IMF Official Arrives

Economist's Visit Raises Hopes for New Funds

Committed by Our Staff From Despatches

RIO DE JANEIRO — The Brazilian currency strengthened and markets calmed down Monday as a top official of the International Monetary Fund flew here to discuss ways to fix the battered

economy. Stanley Fischer, chief economist for the Fund, is to meet with Finance Minister Pedro Malan on Tuesday in Bra-silia, the capital. The talks could ex-pedite release of the second installment of a \$41.5 hillion aid package. In December, Brazil received \$9 bil-

lion from the IMF and used it to bolster its sagging currency reserves, now at \$36 billion — down from \$74 billion in July. A second parcel might help restore the confidence of skittish investors.

But first the two sides must agree on how to stabilize the real, which has plunged since the government devalued the currency Jan. 13 and then let it float freely.

The real strengthened Monday, with the dollar falling to 1.94 reals from 2.06

reals Friday. The currency has lost 39 percent of its

value this month. The benchmark Bovespa stock index closed 8.80 percent higher, at 8,891.03

Mr. Fischer would not say why he was traveling to Brazil, though he said that he believed the real had fallen too much in recent days and that Brazil needed a more "credible" monetary policy.

"There is no question the currency has gone too far, given the underlying strength and policy changes in the Brazilian economy," be said in a speech Sunday at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

When the IMF agreed to help Brazil, it called for the country to hold consumer-price inflation to 2 percent. But Brazilians and the Fund have disagreed on the best way to control inflation in the new era of the free-floating real. After reaching 2,700 percent in 1993, inflation plunged to near zero last year but now threatens to return.

interest rates to restrict the amount of money in circulation and avert speculation. The problem is that high interest rates would worsen the recession and

The IMF favors a sharp increase in

the government's deficit. The central bank raised its lending

rate for banks Monday for the fourth consecutive business day, to 39 percent from 37 percent Friday.

"Brazil has put in place most of the fiscal measures that we agreed to in December," Mr. Fischer said, with many steps taken "in the past two or

Had the Brazilian Congress passed key budget-cutting measures three weeks earlier, he added, "the crisis could have been avoided."

(AP. Bloomberg)

Time Warner And AT&T Reach Accord

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — AT&T Corp.
has struck a deal to offer telephone
service over Time Warner Inc.'s
cable systems in 33 states, greatly
advancing the long-distance phone
company's move into local service,
the companies said Monday.

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The deal comes as AT&T is close to completing its purchase of Time Warner's higgest rival in the cable-television industry. Tele-

Communications Inc.
AT&T and Time Warner expect to begin offering the new service in one or two U.S. cities by year-end and to begin broader commercial

operations next year.

AT&T said the Time Warner deal, its purchase of TCl and arrangements with other cable companies would give it the potential to supply local phone service to 40 percent of U.S. households, or 35

million homes, within five years. AT&T said it was talking with other cable operators about deals

but declined to elaborate. In addition to phone service, the new venture will offer interactive digital television and high-speed Internet service.

AT&T's shares rose \$2.875 to close at \$93.625.

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EU's Parliament Grows More Assertive

Its Struggle Reflects the Quest for Accountability as Europe Unites

need to care more about

their EU appointments.

By Reginald Dale International Herold Tribune

ASHINGTON — Back in the 1950s, when European idealists were more plentiful than they are today, many of them hoped that the institutions of a united Europe would develop along American lines: The European Commission would

evolve into a powerful White Housestyle executive, perhaps with a pop-plarly elected president; the European Parliament would become the equiv-alent of the House of Representatives. and the Council of Ministers would be like the Senate.

Of course, that has not happened.

Writinally from the start, national governments made sure that their own body, the Council of Ministers, would be the dominant institution.

Governments have helped to maintain their primacy by obliging the Parliament to hold its main sessions in out-ofthe way Strasbourg and by strictly limiting its consti-intional role. They have weakened the commission by the low caliber of commissioners they have often (though not (lalways) sent to Brussels.

Almost imperceptibly, however, the Parliament has been gaining incremental increases in its powers. Now it has incre authority following last month's show of strength, in which it nearly dismissed the entire commission in Burope's Little League version of the U.S. impeachment

What seemed to many outsiders like abstruse and childish bickering between the two institutions in fact goes to the heart of how a uniting Europe is to be governed and whether its leaders are to be made more democratically accountable.

The increased influence over the commission that the Parliament has gained with its new assertiveness has been widely noted. Less obvious but perhaps more important is the greater influence the Parliament may now indirectly cise on the council.

By clearly signaling its impatience with individual commissioners accused of graft or inefficiency, the Parliament has also implicitly warned governments to be more careful in their future appointments to the EU's executive branch.

Parliamentarians are likely to be even readier to flex their muscles after they are re-elected in June, by which time the European Union's Treaty of Amsterdam should have entered into force. That treaty gives the Parliament the right to veto future nominations by the governments for com-

mission president. The governments are unlikely to get away again with appointing as weak a leader as the current president, Jacques Santer of Luxembourg, who managed both to enrage the Parliament and to undermine his own an-One issue: Governments

thority with his incomess in the latest The Parliament will also certainly look for imaginative ways of influ-encing the governments' choice of other commissioners, even though it has no right to reject

them individually. So much the better. As the EU pursues deeper economic and political integration and expands into Central Europe, it is essential for its credibility that governments stop using the commission as a wastebasket for unwanted politicians and others whose

careers at home are over. A case in point is the former French prime minister Edith A case in point is the former Press prime minister Edition.

Cresson, now a member of the commission, whose alleged cronyism has particularly infuriated the Parliament. Another is Neil Kinnock, the former British Labour Party leader, who despite rejection by his country's voters is poised to win one of the most important jobs in Europe, vice president for external relations, in the new commission due

to take office next year.

The unpopular Danish commissioner, Ritt Bjerregaard, Is in Brussels only because she lost a party power struggle in Copenhagen. The list goes on. Most of the best-qualified national leaders know that appointment to the commission almost invariably sounds the death knell of a political

If a newly invigorated Parliament helps to end this sorry state of affairs, it will strengthen, not weaken, the commission's authority. It might even nudge the EU a tiny step closer to the more balanced institutional structure that its founding fathers intended.

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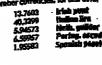


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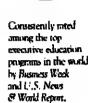






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Rise of the Net Brokers

The Big Guys on Wall Street Take Notice As the Silicon Valley Upstarts Innovate

By David Barboza New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In a new world order that is melding Wall Street and Silicon Valley, the business of buying and selling stocks for smaller investors is being shaped as much by lesser known on-line brokerage firms as it is by the big brand-name firms. While Charles Schwab & Co. and

E*Trade Group Inc. have established themselves as the most recognizable on-line names, the fastest-growing firms are Waterhonse Securities, a discount broker turned on-line provider that does relatively little advertising, and Datek Online Holdings Corp., a broker that caters to what some in the business call "hyper-

active traders. That, analysts say, is another hint that when it comes to the retail market that is, smaller investors - the shape of things to come may be

"All the big Wall Street firms are looking at how these companies are shaping on-line trading," said Bernard Madoff, a member of the Securities Industry Association, which represents many of the big investment houses. "Nobody at this point can or should

ignore it, it's not a passing fancy."

So while on-line trading grew by a record 34 percent in the fourth quarter, according to a study by Credit Suisse First Boston, a number of into that success.

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter is tapping into the market through its on-line subsidiary, Discover Brokerage; Merrill Lynch & Co. is planning its own on-line operation, though not so geared toward active trading, and Goldman, Sachs & Co. and E*Trade recently joined forces to invest \$50 million in Archipelagn, a computerized system that electronically

matches stock trades. The system is not unlike Island ECN, an electronic communication network developed by Datek. Tradnetwork developed by Daiek. Irad-ing volume in Island — which some call an electronic stock exchange — has been explosive in the past year. It is many times the size of Ar-chipelago, analysts say, and accord-ing to the Nasdaq stock market it is the leading trader in such stocks as Valued for and America complex Yahoo! Inc. and Amazon.com Inc.

"All this Internet technology has been developed on the edge of the market, and now it's moving to the core," said Bill Burnham, an analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston.

Executives at Datek say that Island, which gets much of its business from active day traders, or speculators, now accounts for about 10 percent of all Nasdaq volume. Datek says it is gaining on Instinct, the electronic system owned by Reuters, which matches institutional trades.

Instinct officials, however, say there are mimerous complications in counting stock trades. A spokesman. large banks and Wall Street firms Terry Mulry, also says that Instinct's have been trying to find ways to buy market share in Nasdaq has remained consistent over the past few years.

Very briefly:

lowered Sharp Corp.'s credit rating to A-2 from A-1, predicting that weak consumer spending and tough competition would reduce the Japanese company's sales of its liquid crystal displays and related products.

particularly growth stocks, according cial-services companies worldwide,

Boston-based Pioneer Group Inc., is closing its Moscow brokerage, but it plans to continue its asset-management business in Russia.

· Robert Albertson, the former director of U.S. bank research at Gold-MAUSTRALIAN fund managers are turning to smaller industrial stocks, and Financial, a firm investing in finanman, Sachs & Co., has left to start Pilot

On-Line, No Shortage of Brokers

The on-line brokerage industry, which now handles about one in seven stock trades, is becoming increasingly competitive. Upstarts, such as Datek and Waterhouse, have begun to challenge established firms, such as Schwab and E*Trade.

SHARE OF ON-LINE TRADES IN 4TH QUARTER 1998 Average daily total = 340,000 Schwab -Others Ameritrade **Fidelity**

E'Trade Datek

Waterhouse 11.8% CHANGE IN TRADE VOLUME FROM 3D QUARTER 1998 TO 4TH QUARTER 1998 Datek +59.7% Waterhouse E'Trade Ameritrade +44,2% On-line industry avg. +34.4% Fidelity

Source: Credit Suisse First Boston

But no one doubts that Island has become a force in the industry, one big enough to attract the interest of the company say, was at one time in a money-laundering operation talks to either shuttle its trades well as other possibly fraudulent activity related to a day-trading sub-E Trade, which, executives close to

Because of the tremendous success of on-line brokerage firms, shares of Schwah, E*Trade and Ameritrade Holding Corp. have been soaring in recent months. Last week, the Toronto-Dominion Bank, which owns Waterhouse Securities, said it would consider spinning off a portion

of the brokerage firm to the public. A sticking point with the small online brokerage firms, though, is that many on Wall Street are wary of linking with a firm whose fortunes are tied too heavily to speculative, volatile trading in Internet stocks, in which companies such as Datek specialize. Even on-line brokers such as E*Trade Moody's Investors Service Inc. MPioneer Securities, a subsidiary of are moving toward more mainstream customers whose trading activity may be more steady and less volatile.

'It's not uncommon for day traders to trade 60 times a day," said Mr. Madoff, who also operates Bernard L. Madoff Securities, a market-making firm. "This is not investing — it's a casino mentality. Very few Wall Street firms want to be involved in online day-trading. There's a lot of risk

involved." Datek has another problern. Last May, the Manhattan district attorney's office said it was investigating whether Datek had taken part sidiary that had been spun off. Datek officials have denied any

wrongdoing and called such accusations "baseless and defamatory." Analysts say smaller companies

such as Datek have been leading the push toward faster, more efficient trading technologies. Datek is now considering registering Island as an independent stock exchange with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the SEC approves this, some analysts say, Island could further reduce transaction costs and possibly even generate stock-quotation revenue that now goes to the Nasdaq market.

Joseph Ricketts, president of Ameritrade, one of the largest on-line brokers, says Amentrade is also considering linking up with an electronic communication network, or ECN.

"If you register as a stock exchange you can charge for quotes," he said. 'The Nasdaq and the New York Stock Exchange make hundreds of millions of dollars selling quotes. That money doesn't belong to the exchanges; it belongs to the customers. One way we can get it back is through an ECN."

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Sony Units Central Bank Moves to Speed Korea's Recovery Target U.S. Software

Bloomberg News

TOKYO — Sony Corp. is taking legal steps to block a U.S. company from selling software that allows Macintosh computers to run games designed for Sony's PlayStation, the world's best-selling home videogame console. Two subsidiaries of the world's

second-largest consumer electronics company, Sony Computer Enertainment Inc. and Sony Computer intertainment America, last week filed a lawsuit against Connectix Corp., based in San Mateo, California, alleging infringement of copyright and intellectual property. Connectix's Virtual Game Stanon emulation software "violates valuable intellectual property" be-

cause it ''does not accurately emulate the PlayStation gaming experience," a statement released by Sony Computer Entertainment America said. Sony's U.S. videogame unit also charged that licensed PlayStation games may be counterfeited for use with the Virtual Game Station.

Sony's suit is aimed at companies looking to cash in on the world's largest selection of home-video games - more than 2,000 Playstation titles will be available by March — by making them available to personal-computers users.

'If Sony lets this sort of thing go unchallenged, consumers may end un buying video games the way they huy music CDs — without regard to the hardware," said Nanako Sakaguchi, an analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson Asia.

A spokesman for Square Co., whose popular Final Fantasy VII is one of 100 games that Connectix concern that the Virtual Game Sta- China. tion may encourage counterfeiters.

bank pledged policy measures Monday to pull the country out of recession, as trade and inflation fig-ures offered tangible hope that the economy was finally emerging from

crisis. A jump in imports in January indicated a possible rise in domestic while inflation eased slightly last month amid central bank predictions

it will be slashed in half this year. Bank of Korea, vowed to lower rapid rise of the won in an effort to promote economic recovery.

"To support the recovery of the real economy and promote stability The improvement signal in the foreign exchange market, the industrial output was reviving and Bank of Korea, for the time being, may also indicate that investment will maintain its policy stance of has begun recovering, analysts said. favoring lower market interest rates," Mr. Chon said.

Compiled by Ow Stell From Disputches months of economic or SEOUL — South Korea's central nearing its conclusion. months of economic crisis could be have a positive outlook for business

Prices fell a marginal 0.1 percent in January from December, the first mestic demand. drop since 1968, although inflation was 1:5 percent for the year.

The country also recorded a trade surplus of \$695 million last month, with exports registering a third consecutive month of growth. The surdemand, a key engine of recovery, plus totaled \$1.51 billion a year earlier and \$4.19 billion in December.

Crucially, imports rose for the first time since South Korea re-Chon Chol Hwan, governor of the ceived a huge bailout from the International Monetary Fund in money market rates and curb the December 1997. Imports rose 15.4 percent in January from a year earlier, to \$8.6 billion, while exports rose

> A poll of the nation's 600 largest companies taken by the Federation

The improvement signaled that

for February, expecting ample li- reflect a dark side of the Korean quidity and an improvement in do-

The federation, which represents the country's 30 biggest industrial groups, or chaebol, said its business sentiment index rose above 100 for the first time in two and a half years, meaning there are more companies expecting a recovery than those that remain bearish. The index rose to 101 in February from 98 in January.

Mr. Chon warned that if the won continued to rise, the central bank would take action to cap the rise. The won has strengthened 12 percent against the dollar in the last three months, making exports more expensive.

■ POSCO Chief Assails Waste

Pohang Iron & Steel Co.'s chairman said the company had wasted 4.5 trillion won (\$3.83 billion), or a quarter of its total assets, by investing As he spoke, a flurry of economic of Korean Industries and released in misguided projects at home and the indicators offered hope that the 14 Monday showed that companies abroad, Bloomberg News reported.

economy — the damage done by authority," said Yoo Sang Boo, chairman of POSCO, as the world's second-largest steelmaker known.

The rare admission by a top executive at a state-run company reflects South Korea's changing corporate environment. Years of overexpansion by major South Korean companies played a part setting off the nation's financial crisis in late

The projects in which POSCO 'should not have invested or misjudged the timing" include mini-mills and blast furnaces in Kwangvang in the southern province of Cholla and in Indonesia, Mr. Yon said.

POSCO plans to sell those plants or form joint ventures with foreign partners during the next three years, Mr. Yon said. Such steps are part of government's privatization (AFP, Bloomberg)



Hong Kong: Still High Very briefly:

Avence France-Presse

HONG KONG - Prices here are still high by regional and world standards despite recent declines, and they need to fall further to improve the territory's competitive edge, a report said Monday

The comparatively high costs were "causing many compa nies to reassess their activities in Hong Kong," the Trade Development Council said in a report on Hong Kong's

The present economic situation represents an important opportunity to place Hong Kong's prices on a more sus-tainable and competitive trajectory," it said.

Hong Kong, now battling its worst recession on record, has remained a high-cost economy partly because the local currency has remained pegged to the U.S. dollar while other Asian currencies have fallen in the past 18 months.

"Devaluation and deflation in other economies have widened the cost differential for many goods and services," the report said, adding that a further adjustment in prices and

wages may be necessary for Hong Kong to compete. But the report said the territory remained competitive in recommends as "playable" with its many areas, as it was becoming a major center for local and emulation software, echoed Sony's multinational companies and a huh for business activities in

"Hong Kong's future prosperity will depend on the ability Connectix has denied Sony's of Hong Kong companies to maintain and improve their charge and plans to ship a new version of the Virtual Game System. competitive positions and international linkages to serve local, national, regional and/or global markets," the report said.

 General Electric Capital Corp.'s consumer finance arm is linking with Credit Saison Co., a Japanese credit card company, to issue credit cards across Japan.

• The Paris Club of sovereign creditors has agreed to restructure \$3.3 hillion of deht owed hy Pakistan. The deal concerns debt due up to the end of December 2000. Pakistan's foreign debt totals an estimated \$32 hillion. •Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and six other investment banks are on a prospective list to advise Hong Kong on the sale of its \$20 billion stock portfolio bankers said.

· Sumitomo Bank Ltd. has reached an out-of-court settlement with Japan's Housing Loan Administration Corn, which was set up to collect bad honsing loans hy failed mortgage companies. Sumitomo admitting to introducing risky borrowers to mortgage companies and will pay 3 billion yen (\$25.8 million) to the administration, which had sought 4.8 hillion yen.

• The Japan Automobile Dealers Association said sales of new vehicles in Japan fell 6.2 percent in January from a year earlier, to 241,511. Sales of imported vehicles rose 3.0 percent, to 15.919.

Tesco PLC, the leading British food retailer, is seeking to form a retail joint venture with Samsung Corp. the South Korean company said. Tesco officials had no immediate comment.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Shareholders of our Company are kindly invited to attend an extraordinary general meeting which will take place at the offices of BANQUE INTERNATIONALE A LUNEMBOURG S.A., 69, route d'Esch, L-2953 Lunembourg, on Thursday February 11, 1999 at 11:30 A.M. for the purpose of considering and noting

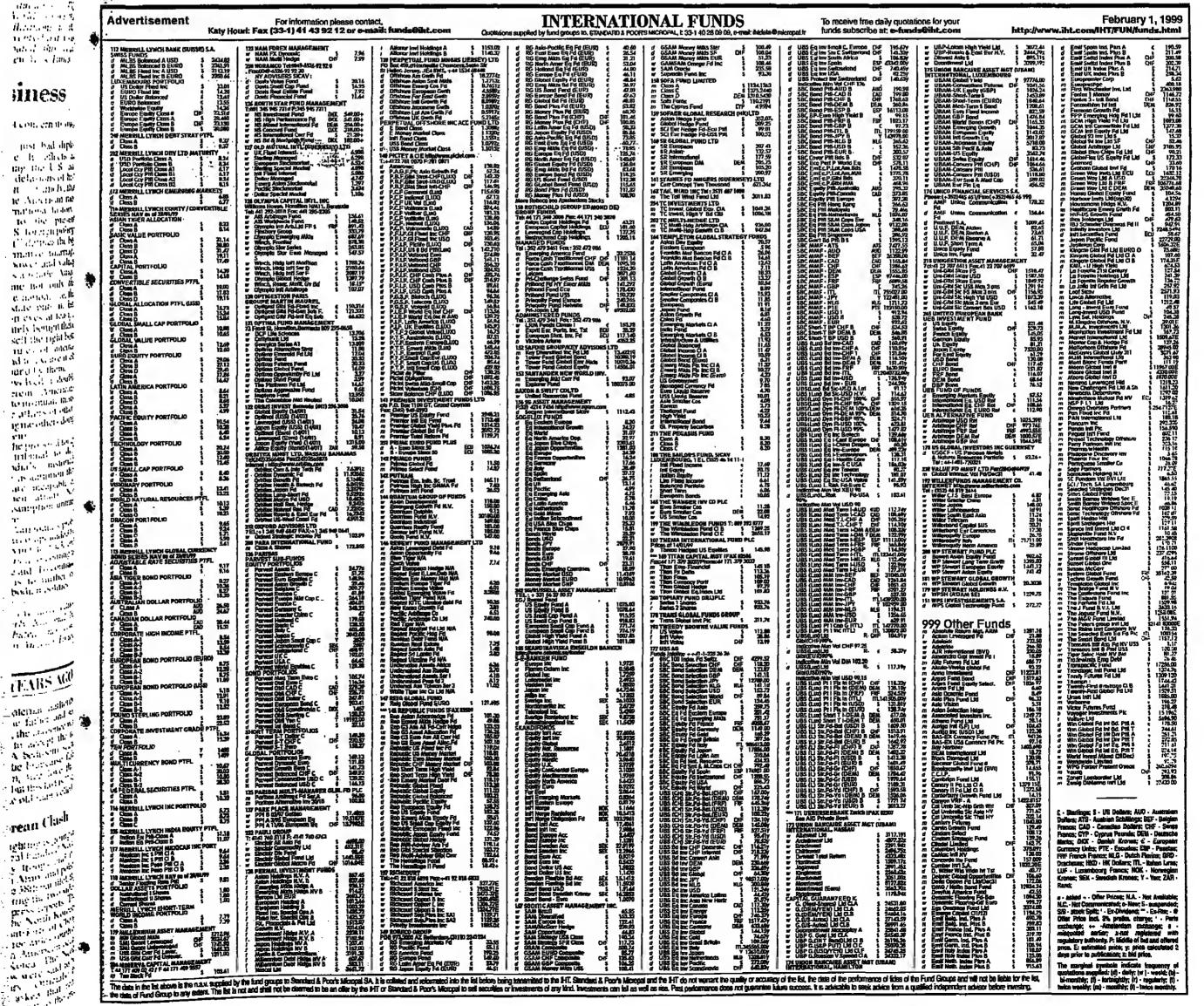
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each shareholder at the shareholder's address in the legister of shareholder in the first set on paragraphs of Article 21 of the Articles of Association to "Am shareholder may request the redemption of all or part of his shares by the Corporation subject to such advance notice as the board of directors may determine. The Corporation may require any request for redemption to be given by up to 5 bank business days notice prior to the date on which the redemption shall be effective."

The decision on the agenda of this extraordinary general meeting shall, at a first meeting, require a quorum of 50% of the shares issued and outstanding. Decision shall be railedy made at a majority of two thirds of the shares present or represented and voting.

In case of fack of quorum at the first extraordinary general meeting, a second meeting will be comened so as to be held on Thursday March 25, 1999 at 11:30 A.M. at the same address with the same agenda, at which decision may be approved without quorum and at a majority of two thirds of the shares present or

In order to attend the extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Company, the owners of bearer shares will have to deposit their shares five clear days before the meeting at the registered office of the Company or with Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A., 69, route d'Esch, Luxembourg. THE BOARD OF OIRECTORS



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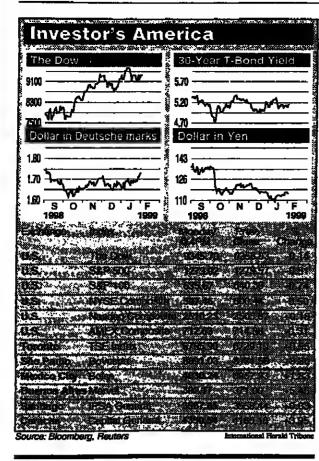
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Very briefly:

 Eaton Corp., the world's largest maker of switches, agreed to buy Aeroquip-Vickers Inc., a maker of hydranlic coutrols, for about \$1.7 billion in a move that accelerates the consolidation in the hydraulics industry.

· Aetna Iqc., the biggest U.S. health insurer, said its fourthquarter profit rose \$.1 percent, more than expected, to \$154.2 million, as it benefited from higher premiums and added members to its health plans.

• Gannett Co., the largest U.S. newspaper publisher, said fourth-quarter net income rose 12 percent, to \$257.7 million, on increased advertising at USA Today and strong sales of political ads at its television stations.

• The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission asked Congress for \$5.9 million next year to update computer systems to keep pace with the increasingly technology-savvy securities industry

 Theglobe.com Inc., an Internet company that allows people to set up free Web pages, will buy the on-line department store
Azazz.com for about \$20.3 million in stock to accelerate its move into electronic commerce.

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - "She's All That" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$16.8 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Saturday's ticket sales and estimated sales for Sunday.

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8. The Prince of Egypt	DreamWorks	53 million
B. You've Got Mail	Warner Brus.	\$3 million
10. At First Sight	MGM	\$ 2.8 million

Fed Session Rohm & Haas to Pay \$4.9 Billion for Morton **Slows Rise In Shares**

Complied by Our Staff Fram Disputches NEW YORK — Stocks closed mixed Monday, with technology stocks rising but the broader market rally losing steam ahead of a meeting of Federal Reserve Board poli-

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 13.13 points lower at 9.345.70, and the Standard & Poor's shampoos and computer equipment, 500 index ended 6.62 points lower at said it would start a cash tender offer 1,273.02. Declining issues out- for as much as 67 percent of Mornumbered gaining ones by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Ex-change. But the Nasdaq composite ton's common stock at \$37.125 a was 4.34 points higher at 2,510.23. Investors were cautious about buying stocks before the Federal Open Market Committee meets Tuesday. Barry Berman, head stock trader for Robert W. Baird & Co., said "the Fed is kind of stuck" between an impulse to cool the stock

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market's advances because they could prove inflationary and the realization that any action central bankers might take that would send the market lower could slow consumption and have grave consequences for the U.S. economy.

There is "a tug of war between good strong fundamental results and very high valuations," said Charles Crane, chief investment strategist at Key Asset Management.

More evidence of a strong U.S. economy kept a floor under stocks. A report from the Commerce Department showed a gain of 0.5 percent in Americans' income in December, while spending rose 0.8 ercent. Consumer spending has been the primary engine of the U.S. economic expansion, and wage costs have remained in check, keepng inflation down.

Support also came from the National Association of Purchasing Management, which said its index of manufacturing activity rose to 49.5 in January from 45.3 in Decem-

In the Treasury bond market, the price of the benchmark 30-year issne fell 1 13/32 to 101 4/32, taking the yield up to 5.17 percent from 5.08 percent Friday. Technology issues got a lift from

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whose products also include adhes- billion. Rohm & Haas said. It also CHICAGO - Rohm & Haas Co. agreed Monday to buy Morton International Inc. for \$4.9 billion in ives, dyes and electronic materials, would strengthen the company's would be exchanged for Rohm & Haas shares valued at \$37.125, subcash, stock and assumed debt, leap-

ing past European rivals to become ject to a trading range. The transaction includes \$268 million in assumed debt and is expected to close in the second quarter.

J. Lawrence Wilson is to remain chairman and chief executive officer of Rohm & Haas, and S. Jay Stewart, now Morton's chairman and chief executive, is to become a vice chairman of Rohm & Haas and join the board of directors. Two members of Morton's board are to join Mr. Stewart on the Rohm & Haas board.

The acquisition would raise Philadelphia-based Rohm & Haas's an- teristics such as durability, color and

profitable electronic-materials business and allow it to cut costs by as much as \$200 million a year as the specialty-chemicals industry consolidates amid falling prices and

lower demand from Asia. "The specialty-chemical in-dustry worldwide is suffering from volume declines, and the only way to get past that is through acquisinion," said Chris Crooks, an analyst at Janney Montgomery Scott. Rohm & Haas shares rose 75

cents to close at \$31.75, while Morton jumped \$9.75 to \$35.625.

Specialty chemicals are typically added to other substances during manufacturing to improve charac-

The remaining shares of Morton, qual sales to \$6.5 billion from \$3.7 flexibility. They are more scarce and sold in smaller volumes than so-

called commodity chemicals. With Morton, Rohm & Haas would surpass rivals such as Rhodia SA of France and Ciba Specialty Chemicals AG of Germany in the

\$100 billion industry. Clariant AG of Switzerland is the world's biggest maker of specialty chemicals, with sales of about \$6.8 billion a year.

"This will extend Rohm & Haas's technology platform beyond its premier position in acrylic chemistry and electronic materials," its chairman, Mr. Wilson, said.

'Morton's technology will add significant expertise in urethanes. powder coatings, plastic automotive coatings and inorganic chemistry.

U.S. Economy Lifts Dollar

Bridge News
NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the euro Monday as many investors concluded that European economic growth was no match for the roaring U.S. economy.

The strength of the U.S. economy, as demonstrated by the report Friday that U.S. gross domestic product expanded 5.6 percent in the fourth quarter, was high-lighted Monday by signs that the U.S.

manufacturing economy was beginning to turn around. The National Association of Purchasing Management said its index of U.S. man-

ufacturing activity rose to 49.5 in January from 45.3 in December, the first increase in four months. Heightening the optimism, the White House gave an upbeat assessment of the

U.S. economy, predicting that the economy would grow 2 percent this year. Meanwhile, weak European growth prospects and persistent talk of European interest-rate cuts continued to hound the euro one month after its introduction.

"The market is looking for lower rates in Europe and higher in the U.S. to reflect pound fell to \$1.6412 from \$1.6460. New York. "Those who have been bottom- francs from 1.4150 francs.

fishing euro have been disappointed."
Still, supporters of interest-rate cuts in Europe were again stonewalled by official denials. The president of the European Central Bank, Wim Duisenberg, said again

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over the weekend that he saw "no reason" to change the ECB's current 3 percent refinancing rate.

As European labor unrest is again in the spotlight, DIW, a leading German economics institute, said a 3 percent wage increase in German trade and industry would be appropriate, compared with the 6.5 percent the IG Metall union is demanding.

The U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert Ruhin, rubbed salt into the euro's wounds, urging Europe to bolster domestic de-mand-led growth.

"Until the currency finds its own equilibrium level, the euro will fall further," Mr. Walsh of Commerzbank said. The euro fell to \$1.1300 in 4 P.M.

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plan to spend \$600 million more over three

The companies, which bought Tia through Supermercados Norte SA, will control an Argentine retail empire with 123 stores and \$3 billion in annual sales.

The union of Norte and the acquired Lynch & Co. said the computerprinter maker's profit could rise 16

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MUSIC: Free Tunes on the Web

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bels and countless mouse-wielding music fans. "All we're trying to create here is the structure by which the content would be labeled in a consistent fashion, to serve whatever business model emerges in the future," said Cary Sherman, a senior vice president and general counsel for the Recording Industry Association of America, which represents labels that account for 90 percent of the U.S. market.

European and Asian recording-industry trade groups support the initiative, along with hardware and software companies including Microsoft Corp., International Business Machines Corp., America Online Inc. and AT&T Corp. To avoid antitrust problems, any standards adopted would be voluntary.

Howard Singer, chief technical officer of A2B Music, an AT&T unit that produces digital distribution software, acknowledged that the pressure was mounting. "Every day that ticks by, there's good news and there's bad news," he said. The good news is that the potential client base for secure digital distribution is growing. The had news is that they're

also getting used to not paying."

Despite the urgency, some participants say the process could drag on past Christmas. "These are all highly charged, very competitive companies," said Gerry Kearby, chief executive of Liquid Andio, which makes its own software for encoding and playing back music on the Internet and has already amassed a large catalog of digitally distributed music. "We won't be

surprised if the process takes a little longer than announced."
The labels, of course, are already using the Internet to sell conventional products — compact discs and cassettes — through on-line retailers such as CD Now, N2K and

That business is expected to exceed \$280 million this year, according to Jupiter Communications, a new-media research company. But the Secure Digital Music Initiative is planning for an era when many consumers will be buying music as downloaded computer files rather than as discs and tapes.

With a uniform standard, embodied in computer codes that all the major recording companies would use, consumers could receive best-selling music directly through moderns and play it back using one kind of software.

Once the labels agreed on a standard, a fan could jump to a top band's or a label's Web site, bill the purchase through a credit card and download a song or an album, saving it to the computer's hard drive, recording it onto a CD or transferring it to a memory chip in a portable player. (One such portable device is already on the market.)

In turn, the recording company would know where the music had been sent, could specify whether or how often it could be copied and could tabulate royalties and sales.

Until such a standard is developed, the labels that own rights to recordings are unlikely to make their catalogs available for digital distribution. But while the major labels have hesitated, many of their holdings are already traveling the Internet as files compressed into manageable size via MP3. This software format - whose name is shortened from an

engineering designation known as MPEG-1, Layer 3 makes it practical to send full songs relatively quickly over the Internet. Independent labels and individual musicians have made their music available in the MP3 format, but the major labels are alarmed by MP3 because the files can be copied without restriction, even sent as e-mail. The vast majority of MP3 songs circulate free of charge. Some musicians en . courage this practice. Others shrug and tolerate it.

"MPEGs of my music are all over the network," said the rock songwriter and performer David Bowie. "Things that are embarrassingly cringe-making, things that I swore never would see the light of day, they're completely available.

Mr. Bowie has founded his own Internet service (www.davidbowie.com), whose members have on-line access to rare Bowie music and videos. He said he was considering making some new music available for downloading as MP3 files but that he had a recording contract with Virgin Records, which he said was "amhivalent" about the idea.

Mr. Bowie himself is amhivalent about the industry's Secure Digital Music Initiative. "I'm not sure about uniform standards," he said. "They've never appealed to me. And however much they try and move in that direction, it ain't going to work. Quirkiness and decentralization are what define the Internet, and the idea of trying to formalize it and police it is abhorrent. The Internet is so volatile and idio-

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coding standards that would specify what consumers can do
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listened to for a day, or a week, or forever. Other codes would
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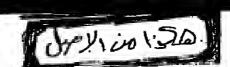
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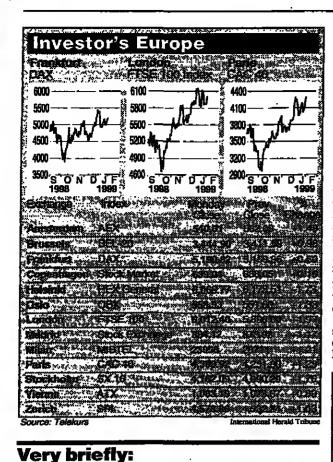
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Car-Price Gap in the EU Narrows

BRUSSELS — The gap separating car prices in different EU countries has narrowed, the European Commission said Monday, but prices are gravitating to the higher rather than lower end of the scale.

"There are indications that many car producers increased prices in socalled cheap markets rather than reducing prices in expensive marthe commission, the EU's antitrust watchdog, said in its semiannual car prices report.

The EU's executive body expressed dismay at this trend, which would penalize consumers in Por-tugal, Spain and the Netherlands, where cars traditionally have been cheapest among EU nations.

Car manufacturers are allowed to set prices freely, the commission competition official Ulrich Krause-Heiber said, adding that he trusted travel to other EU countries to take

the sector was competitive enough to prevent consumers from being advantage of lower prices.

Although the commission cannot to prevent consumers from being harmed.

It was the first time in two years pean currency, the euro, on Jan. 1 makes it easier for consumers to compare prices across borders.

The report, based on national price figures collected Nov. 1 but expressed in euros, showed that cars had become cheaper in Britain as a result of a fall in the pound since May when the previous survey was carried out. But prices were still higher there than anywhere else in the 15-nation bloc.

"This is bad news for U.K. consumers," Mr. Krause-Heiber said. Many British citizens have complained to regulators that they meet resistance from dealers when they

regulate carmakers' prices, it can enforce the consumer's right to that the gap in prices had narrowed. cross EU borders to seek lower The advent of the common Euro-prices. EU authorities fined Volkswagen AG 102 million enros

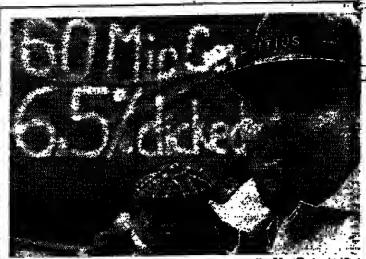
> cars to Germans and Austrians. The practice violates an EU exemption from antitrust rules that applies to car-dealer networks.

(\$115.4 million) last year for or-

dering its Italian dealers not to sell

The commission's report compared pretax prices, as value added taxes and other levies vary from one EU country to another.

In contrast to other goods and services, on which taxes are paid in the country of purchase, consumers in the EU can buy a car in another country duty free and pay the taxes in their country of residence.



WHISTLE IF YOU WANT A RAISE — A worker demonstrating in Berlin, one of 26,000 members of the IG Metall union who staged warning strikes nationwide Monday. The union, Germany's biggest, is demanding a 6.5 percent raises the employers group Gesamtmetall has offered 2 percent.

• Imetal SA, a French minerals and building-materials maker, agreed to buy English China Clays PLC for £756 million (\$1.24 billion) to become the world's biggest maker of pigments to whiten paper, up from No. 3.

 Total SA will refile its planned purchase of Petrofina SA with European Union antitrust authorities, delaying 8 ruling by about a month. The EU has requested more information about the combined company's fuel-storage activities in France.

 Barclays PLC will restructure its retail banking unit to two from 20 units, shedding hundreds of jobs out of 60,000 worldwide and rebranding itself with a new advertising campaign. Banco Bilbao Vizcaya increased 1998 net profit by 25 percent, to 163.62 billion pesetas (\$1.12 billion).

Global 2000 Coordinating Group, an international group of financial firms, has dropped a plan to publicly rate the year 2000 computer readiness of major nations. AP, AFP, Bloomberg

Russian Oil Giant Shrugs Off Bankruptcy Proceedings

MOSCOW — A major Russian oil company said Monday that it was facing bankruptcy proceedings after a creditor filed a landmark suit in a Moscow court. Sidanko, a holding company that

groups about 30 oil producers and refineries across the country, is being pushed into bankruptcy by the little-known Russian creditor Beta-Eko, a Sidanko spokesman said.

Bankruptcy remains a rarity in Russia despite its large number of unprofitable enterprises, and Sidanko is the largest Russian company so far to end up in court. The suit adds the energy giant to

the list of victims of the financial management is to keep the com-

crisis that began last year. But Sidanko executives and

shareholders insisted that the case would not go as far as liquidation and said it could end up saving the struggling giant by giving it a chance to restructure and settle its huge debts

As such, analysts say the bank-ruptcy proceedings shed light on the desperate struggle by industrial barons to salvage business empires that were shattered by the Russian economic collapse.

Sidanko is controlled by Vladimir Potanin, one of the tycoons often referred to as oligarchs. "The main thing for Sidanko's

'Sidanko is not just an office in

Moscow, it is some 30 companies the company said. across Russia. We would like the enterprises to work, work well and get paid."

Mr. Davydov said a Moscow ar-bitration court would decide on an external administration for the company, but he pointed out that shareholders owned more than 50 percent of Sidanko's total debt and so would retain a strong say.

After it was listed last year as the fourth-largest Russian oil company. Sidanko's fortunes swiftly had now paid its back taxes in declined as global oil prices col-

pany intact and preserve jobs," a lapsed through 1998 and market company spokesman, Denis Davydov, said.

"Sidanko has always recognized."

nized its obligations to creditors, But, it added, "in conditions of a significant fall in oil prices on world markets and a serious deterioration of the situation on Rus-

sia's financial market, these ob-

ligations have demanded serious efforts from the company and its subsidiaries." After Sidanko persistently failed to pay taxes on time, the government cut its export quotas severely. Mr. Davydov said the company

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British Amoco PLC, which as British Petroleum Co. paid \$500 million for a 10 percent stake in Sidanko in November 1997, has since scaled back its involvement with the company, with a string of top executives pulling out in recent

But a spokesman said Monday that the Western oil giant remained committed to its investment in Sidanko and that it viewed the bank rupicy proceedings as a possible help rather than a hindrance to the

company.
"We think Sidnnko has a long-term future," the spokesman said-'We think it is a basis for restructuring."

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WORLD ROUNDUP Elway Leads Broncos to 2d Straight Super Bowl Title

Denver Fans Riot

FOOTBALL For the second year in a row, a Denver Broncos' Super Bowl victory was celebrated by unruly crowds who swept through downlown Denver and clashed with policemen.

Officers fired tear gas as windows were broken, cars overturned and trash cans set afire, said Andrew Hudson, a spokesman for Mayor Wellington Wehh. Damage was more extensive than after the Broncos' 1998 Super Bowl victory,

Hudson said Monday.
"It was like following the path of a tornado." he said. "It was just a really ugly scene hy a lot of obnoxious people who were drunk. Twenty people were arrested in Denver, and damage was estimated

at \$160,000. Authorities also reported problems with revelers in several other cities in Colorado.

Refereeing Chief Quizzed

SOCCER Raffaele Guariniello, a Turin prosecutor who has been looking into the use of drugs in Italian soccer, opened an inquiry Monday into the country's referees.

Guariniello began his inquiry by

interviewing Sergio Gonella, the head of Italy's referees association. Guariniello is following up a

complaint about possible irregularities in the way referees are assigned matches. The ANSA news agency reported that the complaint alleges that referees have been chosen in order to give favorable treatment to certain teams. (AFP)

Deacons Upset Terrapins

BASKETBALL Wake Forest broke a five-game losing streak hy upsetting Maryland, the fourth ranked men's college team, 85-72, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The Demon Deacons (12-9, 3-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored the first 10 points against Maryland. The Terrapins (19-3, 7-2), who had won their previous six games, shot a season-low 36 percent and had 18 turnovers on Sun-

Mediate Wins in Phoenix

GOLF Rocco Mediate conquered his nerves to win the Phoenix Open. His even-par final round of 71 on Sunday beat Justin Leonard by two strokes and Tiger Woods by three. Mediate started the day six shots

ahead of Woods and seven ahead of Leonard. He finished with a 72-hole total of 11-under 273. Leonard carded a final-round 66. Woods shot 68 after making par on



Rocco Mediate holding up his ball at the last hole in Phoenix.

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Potent Offense and 3 Interceptions By Defense Sink the Falcons, 34-19

By Leonard Shapiro Washington Post Service

MIAMI - If he chooses to retire, John Elway, the Denver Broncos' quarterback, wrote the perfect ending to his storied career with a performance that was far too overpowering for the error-prone and perhaps slightly distracted Atlanta Falcons to overcome in Super Bowl XXXIII. .-

Aided hy a defense that made interceptions on three straight Falcons possessions in the second half, Elway threw for 336 yards

and scored the Broncos' final touchdown on a three-vard quarterback draw with 11

seconds left in the game on Sunday night. That score essentially put the finishing touches on a 34-19 victory, the Broncos' second straight triumph in had two second-half interceptions (re-

American football's showcase game.
"I don't know if it's John's last game," said Mike Shanahan, the Denver coach. "But if it is, what a way to go out. We've got a lot of guys in the locker room

trying to talk him into a three-peat." Elway, 38, said he had not made a decision on whether he would retire. With the Atlanta quarterback, Chris Chandler, struggling, the Falcons offense didn't produce a touchdown until 2:04 remained in the game. Chandler finished with 19 completions in 35 at-

tempts for 219 yards, was sacked twice

and threw three interceptions in the face

of heavy pressure from Denver's hlitz-

But the Falcons' woes began before the opening kickoff when their veteran free safety, Eugene Rohinson, was arrested Saturday night and charged with soliciting sex from a prosultute. Robinson proclaimed his innocence and publicly apologized after the game, but it became a huge issue for the Falcons in

the hours leading up to kiekoff.
Robinson missed several tackles and was the victim on a spectacular 80-yard touchdown pass from Elway to the wide receiver Rod Smith that helped the Broncos (17-2) open an I1-point half-

Elway's heroics were accomplished largely without one of his favorite targets. Shannon Sharpe, his tight end, suffered a hyperextended left knee late in the first quarter on a catch that set up the Broncos' first touchdown. He missed the final three periods.

When Shanahan replaced his starter with the backup quarterback, Bubby Brister, with 50 seconds left in the tert the nerd to plosion of flashbulbs around Pro Player Stadium and was mobbed by his teammates in what might have been his final game. He has said he will make the decision on retirement after consulting with his family, just as he did a year ago in deciding to come back this season.

The NFL commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, in presenting the trophy for the game's MVP to Elway, said: "If, and I underline if, this is your last game, oo behalf of millions of fans around the world, I want to say thank you for so many memorable memories.

It was a much less memorable game for the Falcons' coach, Dan Reeves, who joined Don Shula, Bud Grant and Mary Levy as coaches who have lost four Super Bowls. Reeves, who underweot quadruple-hypass heart sur-gery oo Dec. 14, saw his team's 11game winning streak come to a halt in only its third loss in 19 games.

Reeves, once the Broncos' coach.

fired Shanahan for insubordination fol-lowing the 1991 season, and he and Elway parted company with bitter feelings when Reeves was himself fired by Denver's owner, Pat Bowlen, in 1992. But on Sunday there were countless Denver heroes, one of whom was the running back Terrell Davis, who gained 102 yards on 25 carries. It was Davis's seventh straight 100-yard postseason rushing game, breaking a record held hy John Riggins, the former the Wash-

ington Redskin running back. The Den-

ver fullback, Howard Griffith, scored both on one-yard runs, and Smith had five recep-tions for 152

defense played a huge role in stifling Chandler and the Falcons' offense. The cornerback Darrien Gordon

turning them a total of 108 yards), and Denver used a variety of blitzes that sent players rushing at the beleaguered Chandler from every direction. The Falcons yielded four second-half turnovers that ultimately proved fatal.

They also squandered critical firsthalf opportunities deep inside Denver's territory, failing to pick up a first down on fourth and one at the Denver 26 on their first possession of the second quarter, then failing to get three points when Morten Andersen missed a 26yard field goal with 5:07 left in the half.

With the Broncos holding a 10-3 advantage on the play after Andersen's miss, the Falcons were scrambling to get into the proper defense just before the snap of the ball. They were in a zone defense, with the cornerback Ronnie Bradford trying to bump Smith at the line and Rohinson picking him up deep.

Robinson appeared to bite oo a play fake, and before he could recover Smith was a good two strides behind him. Elway launched a pass that hit Smith in full stride at midfield, and the swift receiver ran untouched into the end zone for a score that stretched the Denver lead to 17-3 with 4:54 left in the half.



The Broncos' John Elway giving a stiff-arm to the Falcon linebacker Cornelius Bennett in the Super Bowl.

A Day That Matched His Greatness

IAMI — The man who will go

down in pro football history as back of all time finally played like it in the only game that really mattered. Yes, John Elway's career had already been validated with last year's Super Bowl victory. But Sunday was Elway's signature game, the portrait a great artist would be proud to hang in a museum.

Last year against the Green Bay Packers, Elway was a bystander. He thumbed a ride and Terrell Davis carried him home. On Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons, it was Elway early and Elway late, Elway underneath the zone and Elway deep with razor-sharp precision. The Falcons crowded the line of scrimmage to stop Davis, but Denver had Elway. Shannon Sharpe got hurt early, hat Denver still had Elway.

He completed 18 of 29 passes; he threw for 336 yards including an 80yard tonchdown bomh to Rod Smith; he chances to score touchdowns, hat op-

Vantage Point/MICHAEL WILBON

ran for a touchdown; and he was appropriately named the game's most valuable player. At 38 years old, playing perhaps the final game of one of the great careers in NFL history, Elway controlled the game as he did in his late 20s and early 30s.

Jessie Tuggle, Atlanta's veteran linebacker, put the game in perspective when he said: "To me, as I was watching film all week, studying Davis, the receivers, the tight ends, we knew we had to first stop Davis. I'm sorry, I know John's a future Hall of Famer, but at this point you have to make John beat you. Terrell rushed for 2,000-plus yards this season so you have to make John beat you. And John responded today."

With about 50 seconds remaining,

Elway left the field to a long, appreciative ovation. "That walk I'll remember for the rest of my life," he said,
.!'L guess, the message," Elway con-

tinued. 'is to keep working hard and fing in there because you sever know.

I'm a prime example.' "E! Just one year ago, when the Packers

were heavily favored to beat the Broncos in San Diego, it seemed Elway was destined for a career with an asterisk: Boy, was he great, hut it's too bad he oever won a Super Bowl.

Now he's got two championship rings plus a Super Bowl performance to call his own. Just like Namath, Bradshaw, Montana, Aikman, Young, Favre and Simms. There's nothing missing from Elway's resume now. Nothing. And to think that this team — the franchise Elway made — had become Davis's team. To think so many - myself included - wondered if Elway had it in his 38-year-old body to carry a team for 60 pressurized, anxiety-filled minutes. Some people weren't sure, when the game began, that Elway was eveo the

best quarterback on the field. One of the story lines here all last week was that Atlanta's Chris Chandler had a better season than Elway did. Statistically speaking, it was a defensible position. Bot the Super Bowl is a season unto itself, which Elway already knew and which Chandler found out the hard way. His three interceptions killed the Falcons; they eliminated oot only

portunities to kick field goals when the game was still close.

Chandler was fine between the 20yard lines, his passes were as crisp and accurate as they were all season. But down close to the goal line, Chandler-threw passes he shouldn't have, the kind he hadn't thrown all season. The Super-Bowl can do that to you. If it can trip tipe. Elway three times, it can surely foul up.

journeyman like Chandler. But Elway was through being on the wroog side of history; Sharpe knew it in, the middle of the week. The Brooces offensive players knew beyond a reasonable doubt that the Falcons, just as, Tuggle confirmed later, would do eyerything possible to shut down Davis. "My read on it all week was, 'They're-going to stop the run, so we're going to have to throw the ball,' "Sharpe said; 'I took it as a challenge."

Sharpe said he told Elway he would have to throw 30 passes. "I asked him, 'Are you ready to do that?' And the look in his eyes said, 'This is going to be my. age,' I knew he'd come up hig."

Sharpe admires Elway without qualification or reservation. He says that while Dan Reeves, when he was the Broncos' coach, gave him the chance to be a player, Elway is largely responsible." for neiging him become an All Pro tight end. Sharpe isn't one to genuflect before just anybody, hut it's worth listening to him oo the topic of Elway's greatness. When someone asked Sharpe what he

would tell his children about playing. with Elway, Sharpe said: "I won't have to say anything. I've taped all the Big, games I've played with him. They cansee for themselves better than I can tell.". 'Without a doubt in my mind, he's

the top quarterback to play this game.
You look at what he did early in his career when he didn't have as much for work with, and you look at what he didlate in his career wheo he had so much to work with."

Elway would have a lot to work with next season, too. And he would have the incentive of trying to win three straight Super Bowls, something oobody has ever done. As he walked to the dressing room we all wondered, and maybe her did, too, if there's any encore to some thing this thrilling, this fulfilling.

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MIAMI — Engene Robinson, the Atlanta Falcons safety who was arrested oo a charge of soliciting sex

from a prostitute, proclaimed his inand family after the Super Bowl.

Sunday night after being released from custody Saturday night. "I really believe, and strongly be-

lieve, that I will be found innocent," Robinson said after Atlanta lost to Denver. "What I really want to do now is apologize first to my Lord, Jesus Christ, secondly to my wife and kids, and thirdly to my teammates and the entire NFL organization for the distraction that I may have caused them." Rohinson was driving a car alone

affect his play, although he said he was unable to sleep Saturday night. But the Pro Bowler was beaten on an 80-yard touchdown pass from John

is going to really haunt me."

him in Miami, is one of his team's most popular players and is outspoken about his deep religious faith. the 1999 Bart Starr Award from the religious group Athletes in Action. The award honors athletes of high moral character.

said Rohinson, who has two children. "The hurt? My wife? That means much, much more to me. I truly do love my wife. I love her, I love my kids. I'm sorry I had to drag her through that type of deal." Rohinson was a four-time Man of

the Year in Seattle, where as a Seahawks player he was involved with Boys and Girls Clobs and the Union Gospel Missino, where he worked with people who have cereb-

Packers in the Super Bowl the last two seasons. In the days leading to the this year's game, he exhorted teammates to obey curfew and stay focused.

Robinson Regrets Distraction' Elway to the wide receiver Rod By Thomas Heath Smith, something that Robinson said

Robinson, 35, started the game on

on Saturday when he offered a female undercover officer for the Miami police \$40 for oral sex, according to police reports. Robinsoo said the incident did not

Rohinson, whose family was with

'Reputation? I can deal with

Robinson played for the Green Bay

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Open Leaves a Lot to Ponder

In Melbourne, Stars Old and New (and Drug Issue)

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

ELBOURNE—By now, Yevgeni Kafel-nikov is already in Marseille and pre-paring to play a routine first-round match. By how, Amelie Mauresmo is on vacation, and

Marcelo Rios is in rehabilitation.
The tennis dial quickly adjusts to a new frequency after a Grand Slam event, but it is difficult member one that gave us quite so much to der. From the fallout from Petr Korda's abspecify light punishment for failing a drug test to the

VANTAGE POINT

fallout from Mauresmo's emergence as a top-flight player, the tennis frequently seemed secondary at

There was little need to talk about the Melbetter weather, which was unusually mild and ringly played its customary role in deciding risches.

Sampras's quest to tie Roy Emerson's career records for Grand Slam singles titles, because Sampras declined to show up.

Several years ago, that would have been cause

for soul-searching in Melbourne. There would have been extensive discussion about the Open's place in the pantheon, debate about whether it should shift its dates or hike up its prize money. But this event, so far removed from the Euroan base of the professional game, has recovered

its balance and confidence. In the wake of Patrick Rafter's consecutive nited States Open titles, the game is fashionable again here, and the tournament smashed its attendance record by nearly 40,000, drawing

473,296 spectators over the two weeks. That record came despite the fact that no Australian singles player made it past the first Sunday, and next year, when a new, 10,000-seat show court opens with a retractable roof to match the one on center court, another record will be established. But Panl McNamee, the tournament director and former Australian player, may have to speed up the balls or his Rebound Ace court if he wants to have an Australian champion named Rafter or Phil-

'And why shouldn't McNamee play favorites? Isn't the U.S. Open considering slowing its center court to satisfy Sampras, who has yet to win in the intermediate control of the record, Maureamo looks more

two years since Arthur Ashe Stadium was

It will be intriguing to watch Sampras when he returns later this month.

There were visible signs of slippage in his game and results last year, and he will need to improve his fitness if he is to continue his No. 1 run for a seventh straight year. The Australian Open merely confirmed what has been evident for years: The depth in men's tennis is remarkable. Of the four men's semifinalists in Melbourne, three Thomas Enqvist of Sweden, Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador and Tommy Haas of Germany - had never advanced that far in a previous Grand Slam

Kafelnikov, the recommitted Russian who ended up winning in Melbourne, is the fifth dif-ferent men's singles winner in the last five Grand Slam tournaments.

Kafelnikov has the complete game to finish the year at No. 1. He won the French Open on clay and has also won tour events indoors and on grass. He is trying to improve his serve by loosening up his arm motion and he has already improved his attitude and hired a fine coach and motivator: Larry

What he needs to do is lighten his schedule and learn from Sampas by focusing on peaking con-sistently for Grand Slam events. The Russian has played more matches than any other man on the ATP Tour in four of the last five years. (He would have a perfect record if not for a broken hand that caused him to miss most of the early season in

nstead of celebrating in style in Melbourne on Sunday night, Kafelnikov and Stefanki were boarding a plane so Kafelnikov could accept a wildcard into this week's tour event in Marseille. Stefanki said Kafelnikov was playing there to return a favor to the tournament director, but loyalty does not explain why he is scheduled to

play in 10 of the next 11 weeks.

"He can't play that schedule," Stefanki said.
"No human could."

Though Martina Hingis won ber third consecutive women's singles title, there were strong reminders that women's depth is improving, too. There were six unseeded players in the round of 16, including Manresmo, whose broad shoulders

master.

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Yevgeni Kafelnikov had something to shout about as he won the Australian Open final.

imposing on television than she does in person.) Hingis, for example, said: "She's here with her guifriend. She's balf a man." Mauresmo, a thoughtful young woman, is open about her ho-mosexuality, and Hingis did not help her own cause or credibility by initially denying that she had made the comment that had been noted and taped by several Swiss journalists.

Hingis is a marvelously versatile player with an agile mind, but she clearly is not as mature off the court as she is on it.

Generally a gracious loser, she needs to get better at being a gracious winner. It is more a problem of style than substance. Asked after her convincing defeat of Mauresmo in the final whether Mauresmo had the best backhand in tennis, the Swiss quickly answered, "I think I have a better

She's right, but it would have been better to be

diplomatic than emphatic.

There is little wrong with her tennis, however. Though Davenport has overwhelmed her on hard courts on occasion with her flat power off both wings, Hingis has improved her mobility and, it would seem, her forehand, and in the year-long race for number one, she will have an edge on clay and grass, surfaces Davenport is still learning to

The women's game appears strong, which ers.

makes it increasingly curious that the WTA Tour has yet to announce a title sponsor to replace

"I'm out of the prediction business," said Bart McGuire, chief executive officer, who presumably is driving a hard bargain in light of his solid

there was continued debate among the game's leaders about changing the men's product, but if they are really serious about reducing matches to best-of-three sets to satisfy television, there were enough five-set thrills in Melbourne to give them serious pause.

Television audiences might not embrace long matches, but Grand Slam spectators on site cer-

The Philippoussis-Michael Chang match in the second round was a gem.

In the short term, the leaders should spend more energy on fixing their drug-testing program than on fixing their game. Korda's case and the vague clause that helped him escape proper punishment for having the steroid nandrolone in his system were an embarrassment in this era of increasing concern about cheating. If it happens again with another player, it will not be time for more appeals and hand-wringing. It will be time for new lead-

Bruins Focus On Defense, **And Result** Is a 0-0 Tie

The Associated Press The Boston Bruins are concentrating on defense to break out of their slump, even if the offense suffers.

That was what happened Sunday against the Carolina Hurricanes, but for the first time in five games the Bruins

NHL ROUNDUP

didn't lose. The game ended in a 0-0 tie, the first time the host Bruins have played two scoreless games in the same season since 1955-56.

"We have to go back to defense like the beginning of the season," said Dmitri Khristich, the Bruins' scoring leader. "Our first couple of wins were shutouts. It means we have to be really good defensively to win."

Boston's recent slide has left it tied with Florida for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. Carolina is sixth in the conference.

"All Eastern Conference games seem to be 1-0, 2-1 and as a team you have to be ready to battle through it," said Keith Primean of Carolina. "The game had playoff-type intensity," said Paul Maurice, the Hurricanes'

One highlight of the game came during a time-out during the first period when the referee, Paul Stewart, received an ovation in his first game in Boston

since undergoing cancer treatment. Coyotes 5, Predators 1 In Nashville, Keith Tkachuk had a goal and two as-sists, and Jyrki Lumme scored the win-ning goal in his 700th NHL game. The Coyotes snapped a six-game road winless streak

road winless streak. Penguine 5, Canadiene 3 In Montreal,

Jaromir Jagr had two goals and two assists, and German Titov scored the goahead goal late in the third period for

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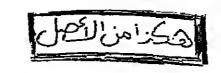


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NEW YORK — The most punished is informing your misused words in the doctor that you have been English language right now walking two miles a day are 'high crimes' and 'mis-demeanors.' Everyone has been walking at all. his own interpretation of what

Perhaps I can be of help. For teenagers, a high crime could be lying to your parents about your re-

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A Look at the Life of Robeson

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — As gifted as he was controversial, Paul Robeson led a life that brought him All-America honors on the football field at Rutgers University, Phi Beta Kappa status in the classroom, stardom as an actor and singer, and condemnation and ostracism as a communist sympa-

Now, through some 150 photographs, prints, paintings and pieces of memorabilia and audio clips, Robeson (1898-1976) is the subject of a new exhibition here at the Smithsonian

Institution's National Portrait Gallery,
Among the items in "Paul Robeson: Artist and Citizen,"
through April 12, are a program from his first formal concert,
in Boston in 1924; his cosmme from the 1933 production of
"The Emperor Jones," and photographs documenting his
efforts to end racial discrimination and other social injustice.

Arnold Schoenberg: Pushing Music to Evolve

By Anthony Tommasini New York Times Service

NEW YORK — For a brief period in the spring of 1898, Arnold Schoenberg, then 23, thought his music just might be received with some degree of sympathy. His String Quartet in D, a piece steeped in Brahms hut using a more wide-ranging harmonic language, was performed by a new-music ensemble in Vienna and greeted with something approaching enthusiasm.

But it was not to last. Schoenberg's ruminan vely beautiful string sextet "Transfigured Night," the next work be submitted for the ensemble's consideration, was rejected as too radical. And when several of his songs were presented in Vienna in late 1900, vehement protests erupted in the audience. Schoenberg soon became, as he put it, "everyone's whipping boy." For the rest of his life, he met with incomprehension

at best, outright hostility at worst. Even today, Schoenberg probably gets the nod as the most reviled composer in history. So when the Metropolitan Opera presents its first production of his master-piece "Moses and Aron" on Feh. 8, more of the animosity the composer's music has always attracted

will undouhtedly be whipped up. Early on, Schoenberg tried to numb himself to the attacks. "I have become indifferent to public abuse," he wrote in 1915 to the composer Alexander Zemlinsky, who, though just three years older, was the closest thing the essen-tially self-taught Schoenberg had to a teacher. In truth, the abuse embittered him. When it came from musicians and critics, he suffered pangs of self-doubt.

And the abuse could be merciless. "I suffered physical pain, as one cruelly abused," a Berlin critic wrote in 1909, on hearing the composer's Second String Quartet. James Gibbons Huneker, the critic for The New York Times, reporting on a performance of

"Pierrot Lunaire" in 1913, wrote that Schoenberg's music conveyed an "aura of original depravity, of subtle ugliness, of basest egoism, of hatred and contempt, of cruelty

and of the mystic grandiose." Yet Schoenberg clung to his be-lief that however radical, the evolution of his musical language into free atonality, and his subsequent invention of the technique of 12tone composition, represented inevitable stages in the development of the great European classical tra-dition. That is not the way things panned out. Still, he would prob-ably be amazed by the imposing place he now occupies in history.

Though Huneker's condemna-

tion may seem laughably excessive today, many present-day listeners essentially agree. The Met production of "Moses und Aron" will be seen as a hrave act of principled programming. But the New York City Opera proved that "Moses und Aron" does not have to be box-office poison when it presented the work's New York stage premiere in 1990. Ticket sales were strong, though they were driven in part by a daring production, which included a steamy enactment of Israelites engaging in orginstic dancing before the idol of the golden calf. Little word has emerged about

the Met's production, by Graham Vick, but publicity photographs suggest a spare, vividly colorful approach. James Levine, who reveres the opera, will conduct.

If anything of Schoenberg's has the potential to engage those un-familiar with his music — intimidated by the 12-tone idiom, perhans, but at least curious - it is this viscerally powerful, dauntingly complex yet often hauntingly beautiful opera, for which Schoenberg also wrote the libretto. It is his most directly personal statement.

The biblical story spoke to Schoenberg's deep spiritual cravings. Perhaps because his life's work involved contesting the absolutes he had inherited in music, Schoenberg sought others in re-



Arnold Schoenberg in Los Angeles in 1944.

ligion. He completed two acts of the opera in 1932. (A third was intended hut never composed.) The next year, Hitler's rise to power in Germany and the Nazis' persecution of Jews provoked a powerful reactor in Schoenberg. Born and raised Jewish in Vienna, he had converted to Lutheranism in early adulthood. But in 1933, at 59, he openly re-embraced the

"Moses und Aron" anticipated his reconversion and grippingly expressed the fervor behind it.

Still, the prospect of hearing 'Moses und Aron' will no doubt evoke terror in many listeners. Why has Schoenberg's musical radicalism engendered such con-

PEOPLE

tinuing hostility, when the radic-alism of Stravinsky and Bartok has

long been embraced? Probably because Schoenberg is viewed, simplistically, as the main culprit behind the challenge to the system of tonality that had for centuries brought at least some degree of commonality to music from diverse cultures, and because he is blamed, rightly or wrongly, for driving a wedge between 20th-century composers and the public. Even Schoenberg's pre-12-tone music represented, in the words of a Berlin critic in 1910, a "methodical negation of all heretofore accepted musical rules." Schoenberg "kills tonal perception," the critic added. "Debussy only threatens; Schoen-

berg carries out the threat."

There is, to be sure, an element of truth in this critique, and Schoen-

berg has never been forgiven.

Paradoxically, he revered the tradition and the stylistic unity it made possible. Despite his defensiveness about his work, he never intended to tear down the entire tonal system. He moved to the United States in 1933 and eventually settled in Los Angeles, where he briefly became a friend and termis partner of George Gershwin, whom he respected immensely. There was nothing pa-tronizing about this respect. Schoenberg simply felt that the se-nous music of high culture operated on a different plane from other music, and radical currents had been sweeping through serious mu-

He felt compelled, almost against his will, to dismantle ex-isting procedures and devise new ones. It was a dirty joh, in other words, but somebody had to do it.

What, exactly, needed to be done? Before the century was a decade old, the system of tonality was in crisis, and whatever one ultimately thinks of Schoenberg's solutions, his analysis of the problem was astite, convincing and courageous. Although total music is ubiquitous, the concept of ton-ality is hard to describe. In its most common manifestation, music using major and minor keys, tonality is a system of organizing pitch in accordance with acoustical principles. A certain pitch (say, the C of the C major scale) is fundamental. The other pitches of the scale relate to that fundamental in an audible hierarchy of importance. Whatever happens, the music has to keep referring back to that fundamental.

Some opera fans will pass the poster for "Moses and Aron" out-side the Met, curse Schoenberg's name and go inside to huy tickets for "Aida." They will miss the work of a composer placing everything on the line, maybe crossing that line but not caring, so powerful was his compulsion to create this opera.

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THE filmmaker Stanley Kubrick may come out of seclusion in Britain, where he has lived since 1961, to file suit in person against the satirical magazine Punch, the Independent on Sunday reported. Kuhrick has sned Punch for an unsigned jab in the August issue, which his lawyers plan to argue put into question their client's mental health. But James Steen, editor of Punch, said: "We're not saying he is clinically insane. What it means is he's a well-meaning eccentric." The magazine, a property of the millionaire Mohamed al Fayed and oo stranger to controversy, said Kubrick had read too much into the piece. The director is finishing up a much talked about film starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidnan, "Eyes Wide Shut," which is scheduled to be released in mid 1900. scheduled to be released in mid-1999.

The city of Leipzig has commissioned a sculpture to be erected next year to mark the 250th anniversary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach. and the death of Johann Sebastian Bach.

York, was in Leipzig over the weekend to find inspiration for the work, "Homage to Bach." The German composer was director of music at the Church of St. Thomas in Leipzig from 1723 until his death.

Nick Nolte says there is good reason for the six-year delay between when he got the screenplay for "Affliction," and when he stepped in front of the camera to film it. Nolte told The Philadelphia Inquirer in a story published Sunday that needed to understand that we are the killer - that's part of us," he said.

Michael Caine, his days of phil-

a new life with his portrayal of a sleazy impresario in "Little Voice," winning a Golden Globe award and sparking specnlation that an Oscar could be next. "I used to do a hottle of vodka a day in the 1960s — no problem. You are just topall that. "I stopped when I met my wife," he said. "Romance took over and, of course, women do not like

year-old actor's film career has taken on

Marilyn Manson Flees Australian Stage

Agence France-Presse DERTH, Australia — The Satanist shock-rocker Marilyn Manson stormed I off stage after being bombarded with missiles and ahuse at a concert here in which 400 people were hurt, fans and members of ambulance crews said

A spokesman for an amhulance company said the injured at Sunday's concert included one of Manson's guitar technicians, who was treated for a cut head after being struck by some sort of object. Most of the injured fans were treated on the spot for minor injuries, but some were more seriously hurt when

Fans said Manson had shouted abuse at the crowd before leaving the stageabout half way through his hour-long set. One concert-goer, Jo Metcalf, said plastic water bottles and other debris had been thrown at other acts throughout the concert. Manson's record company said that he had walked off because he was angered by the crowd's behavior, but that the concert would not affect his future tours of Australia.



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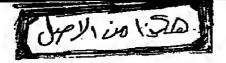
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